





## TUC to consider easing of closed-shops boycott

By Donald Macintyre, Labour Editor

The first sign that the TUC could relax parts of its policy of non-co-operation with the Government's Employment Act of 1980 and 1982 is contained in a confidential document to be considered by senior TUC leaders tomorrow.

A draft statement on the Government's trade union legislation to be put to the TUC's employment policy and organization committee firmly restates the congress policy of opposition to the Acts, ratified at Wembley two years ago, including the union's boycott of government money for postal bailiffs.

That could well sharpen the demands by a number of unions for the expulsion of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers which has taken £1 million of government money, and the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union, which has announced its intention of following suit. The TUC's inner cabinet will also be meeting tomorrow to consider the first stage in the labourious disciplinary process.

But on the issue of closed-shop bailiffs, decreed under the 1982 Act, the document acknowledges that the TUC boycott is "causing difficulties for a number of affiliated unions" and that at least 80 bailiffs on the subject were held up to the end of 1984. The Act

## Bradford fire tribute

Members of the Bradford City and Lincoln City football teams will return to the Valley Parade ground on Sunday for a memorial service 10 weeks after the fire there which killed 56 spectators.

Civic leaders from the two cities and Bradford's twin towns in Europe are expected to attend, and the Bishop of Bradford, the Right Rev Robert

## Hurd attacks 'loyalist' riots

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

Mr Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said yesterday that no true loyalist could feel anything but shame at the attacks made on the police during the rioting in Portadown last week.

Speaking in Oxford, Mr Hurd said that for unionists it was obvious a direct contradiction of their tradition to engage in confrontation and strife with the Royal Ulster Constabulary. The responsible organizers of the parades fully recognized this.

He said the RUC had shown themselves even-handed up-

## Brittan denounces IRA money suppliers

By Colin Hughes

Mr Leon Brittan, Home Secretary, yesterday won strong support from an influential audience of 2,000 United States lawyers for his message that "misguided" American who founded the Provisional IRA were "financially murderous".

He called for strict and specific collaborative agreements between governments, particularly on extradition, to counter international terrorism.

Speaking to the opening plenary session of the American Bar Association conference in London, Mr Brittan said: "Leaders of opinion in this country and in the United States must continue to ram home a clear message. People who plant bombs in department stores or other public places are murderers, and misguided people in the United States who send money which they well-know is going to the Provisional IRA are financing murder."

The unanimous applause for Mr Brittan's account of the evils of terrorism in Northern Ireland demonstrated the extent to which American opinion has swung behind tough United States action, which the British government has long been seeking.

Mr Brittan singled out the recent agreement to an amendment of American extradition law. Terrorists being extradited for violent crimes, such as hijacking and murder, will not be able to claim political exception.

He urged other countries to widen this trend: "I cannot accept that the task is too difficult or too complicated. Effective international action

## Teachers split on expected pay offer

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

The Professional Association of Teachers, which has a no-strike policy, yesterday said teachers should accept the informal pay offer of 7.5 per cent by March 1985, which is expected to be made today.

The association's national council passed a resolution saying it was disposed to accept a phased offer, including an end-loading of 7.5 per cent and a firm commitment to reopen talks about salary structure and conditions of service.

Mr Peter Dawson, the association's general secretary, said: "We have to be practical and achieve a settlement which allows next year's pay round to begin from the higher base. Teachers will not thank us for passing up this chance of at least holding the line on standards of living."

Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said the improved offer was still not good enough. "It still leaves us well below what would be necessary to maintain our purchasing power and relative positions," he said.

In order to go some way towards restoring the value of the 1974 Houghton award the employers would have to offer 10 or 11 per cent.

He said the improved offer had not been informally or formally put. It had simply been signalled to the Press.

"The employers have not moved anything like enough. There is still a very long way to go in my mind, quite apart from the conditions nature of the improvement."

Other unions were also opposed to the new offer.

On Thursday last week teachers were informally offered 5 per cent or £480 from April 1, followed by an extra 1 per cent in November. But the second part depended on the unions reaching agreement on salary structure and conditions of service reform.

Mr Brian McAndrew, Bradford council's deputy chief executive, said: "It was felt that however painful it might be, Valley Parade, the scene of the tragedy, was the best place for the service."

Mr Hurd said there would be no justification for a general policy of preventing or discouraging Protestant or Catholic parades in Northern Ireland, which numbered more than 2,000 a year and of which most were peaceful and enjoyable.

## Greenpeace ban

Grimsby and ordered the group to pay damages yet to be assessed. Greenpeace supporters had twice broken into Tioxide UK Ltd. Mr Justice Stuart Smith was told.

Mr Brittan criticized international readiness to pay lip service to the need for unified action, but reluctance to take practical steps. By creating a collective security through example and diplomacy, he believed terrorists could be squeezed out leaving "no one to prey on but each other."

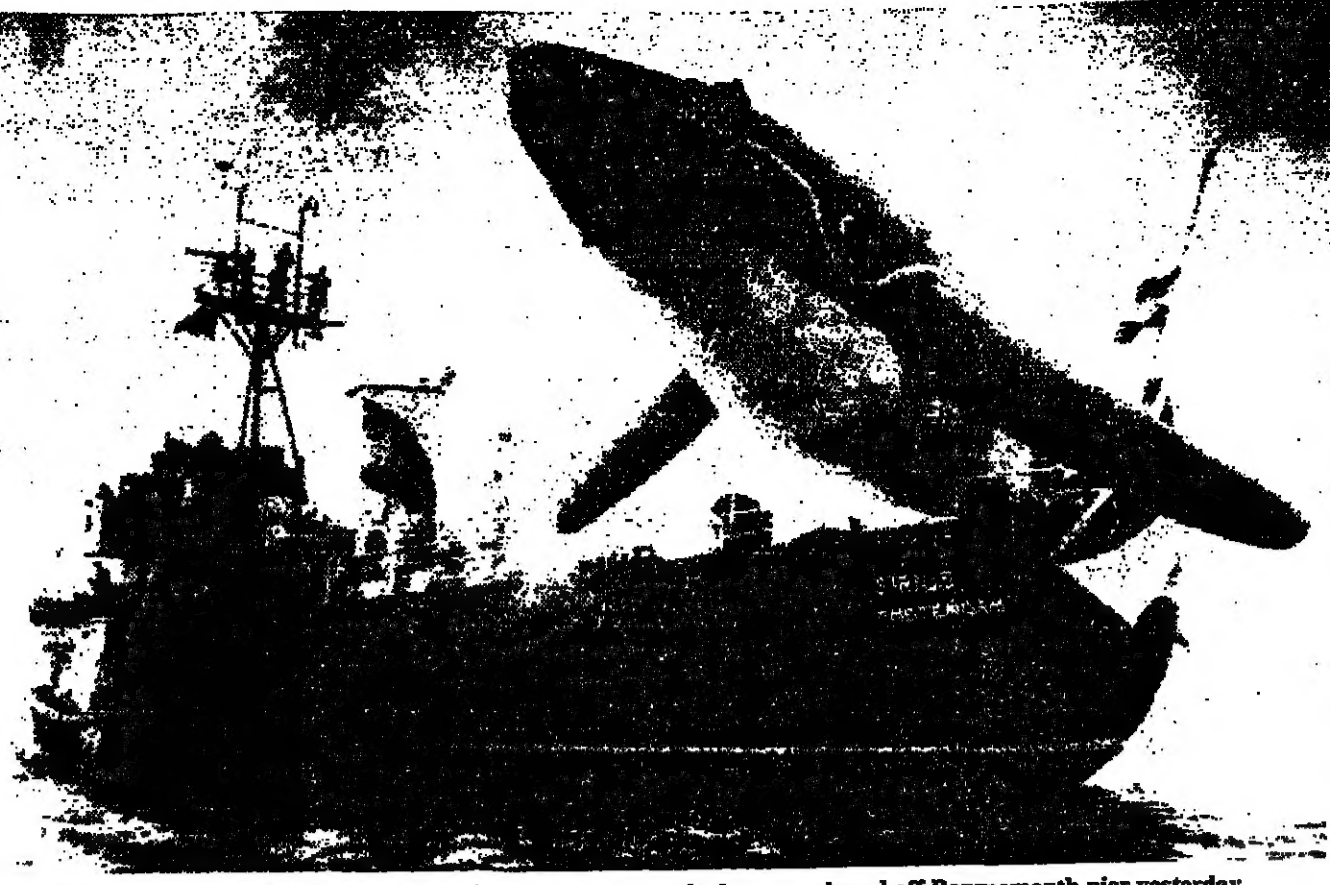
Mr Brittan told the lawyers that for some Provisional IRA members violence and revolution represent ends in themselves, and that many seemed to want a Marxist Irish State. He said: "Destabilizing Northern Ireland is merely their first objective. They have made it quite clear that their second would be to do the same thing to the government of the republic."

Events such as the Libyan Peoples' Bureau siege and the recent TWA hijack underlined the fact that "domestic action against terrorism is essential, but it is not enough."

Mr Thatcher told the American Bar Association yesterday: "The feeling is also growing in our country, and elsewhere, that some of the sentences which have been passed have not measured up to the enormity of the crimes."

The Government had, therefore, recently brought before Parliament a Bill including a clause which would have enabled the Court of Appeal to review the appropriateness of a sentence passed in a lower court.

Decisions would not effect the sentence in the case in question. But it would give a



The Greenpeace vessel, Sirius, with a plastic whale across its bows, anchored off Bournemouth pier yesterday

## British plea to whaling nations

The British Government regards the moratorium on commercial whaling as "absolutely vital" because of the uncertainty surrounding the whale population. Mr John MacGregor, Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food told the thirty-seventh annual meeting of the International Whaling Commission at Bournemouth yesterday.

Mr MacGregor referred to the implementation of this decision, despite the three-year preparatory period, but I do hope that those countries which have maintained objections to the decision will now be able to withdraw them as soon as possible and rally to the majority view."

Japan, the Soviet Union and Norway are formal objectors to the moratorium, while Iceland and South Korea plan to kill whales for "scientific purposes."

Sirius, a former coastguard vessel belonging to the conservation group, Greenpeace, dropped anchor off Bournemouth pier on an "anti-whaling" visit.

Greenpeace officials said its presence showed the group was still "in business", in spite of the bombing of its ship, Rainbow Warrior, in New Zealand.

More than 100 anti-whaling protesters marched through Bournemouth to the Moat House Hotel, where the meeting was held, and staged a peaceful demonstration outside.

## Top firms drive to aid jobless

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

More than 10,000 companies are providing cash and executive time as well as taking the initiative to help Britain's three million unemployed, according to a report to be released in London today.

The report, from the Confederation of British Industry, says companies such as BAT, Midland Bank, Shell and Unilever are in "a front-line campaign which has helped thousands of people who would otherwise be drawing the dole."

The CBI says firms are helping unemployed people set up small businesses by staffing advice centres with company-paid executives, providing loans and finance, and joining government employment schemes.

But many of the 10,000 are reluctant to have their efforts publicized. Sir Terence Beckett, CBI director general, says: "Companies involved are naturally loath to blow their own trumpets, but they should not be embarrassed. By telling more people what is being done they will encourage others to lend a hand."

## Prison urged for racial harassment

By Pat Healy, Race Relations Correspondent

Attacks on black families could lead to eviction, fines of up to £2,000 and five years' imprisonment under the Racial Harassment (Housing) Bill to be introduced in the Commons tomorrow under the Ten Minute Rule.

Mr Harry Cohen, Labour MP for Leyton, launching the Bill yesterday, said that the deaths of Mrs Shamira Kassam and her three children in Ilford, Essex, in an arson attack at the weekend, showed how ferocious some of the incidents were.

"The Government should be ashamed that it has neglected to come forward with legislation of its own when all the evidence shows that the number of racial attacks is rising," Mr Cohen said.

His Bill, the result of a number of discussions with ethnic minority and housing groups, would introduce a new offence of "racial harassment" and lay duties on the police, local authorities and other housing agencies to take action against it.

Police yesterday issued a new appeal for help in the hunt for the killer of a pregnant Asian wife and her three young children.

Mrs Shamira Kassam, aged 24, and her three sons died in an arson attack which wrecked the family's home at Ilford in Essex on Saturday.

Detectives were making house-to-house calls yesterday on the third day of the investigation. They say they are considering "every possible motive" for the attack, but Superintendent Bill Peters, who is leading the murder inquiry, said he did not believe it was racially motivated.



Mrs Shamira Kassam who died with her children

## Entry rules 'unfair to children'

By Our Race Relations Correspondent

The Government was accused of continuing to discriminate against women, for which it has been condemned by the European Court of Human Rights, when the new immigration rules were laid before Parliament yesterday.

The Liberal and Labour parties laid opposing motions to the rules. It is expected that there will be a Commons debate next week.

Mr Alf Dubs, Labour spokesman on race relations, said that the new rules would be "forcibly opposed" as an attack on family unity.

The Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, which sponsored the three motions, said that in addition to continuing sex discrimination, the new rules also appeared to reduce the rights of children to settle permanently in Britain.

Ms Fiona MacTaggart, the council's general secretary, said the new rules would mean that children would get only a year's permission to settle when they first arrived, so unless they were under 17 then, they would never qualify for permanent residence.

## Powell call on embryo research

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

A group of MPs, including Mr Enoch Powell, yesterday launched a campaign for a new private member's Bill to outlaw research by scientists on human embryos.

Mr Powell's own Bill was defeated in the Commons last month. But some of his supporters issued a warning that, if necessary, a succession of new Bills would be produced "to compel the attention of Parliament and the public alike."

Last night Mr Powell, official Unionist MP for Down South, urged the Government to publish information on embryo research which he claimed had been "suppressed" by the Warnock Committee.

He said he had been told by a member of the committee that important questions about embryo experiments had been asked, but the answers had not been available.

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## Labour leaders warned of black section conflict

By Anthony Bevis, Political Correspondent

Black Labour activists spoke last night of confrontation and conflict with the party leadership after Labour's national executive rejected an attempt to give special recognition to the ethnic minority membership.

Mr Eric Heffer, left-wing MP for Liverpool Walton, proposed "yesterday that blacks and Asians should be allowed to form special party groups, similar to Poles, Zion, the Jewish Labour Party, but with enhanced representation at constituency, district, regional and national executive levels."

He was opposed at a national executive meeting by Mr Neil Kinnock, the party leader, who repeated his attack on "apartheid systems."

Mr Kinnock and Mr Roy Hattersley were supported by Mr Michael Meacher and Mr David Blunkett, two leading left-wingers, in a 16-8 vote against Mr Heffer's plan.

Those supporting Mr Heffer included Mr Tony Benn and

## Labour choice

Mr John Whitty, aged 40, has been selected as the Derbyshire South Labour Party parliamentary candidate. The seat is held by Mrs Edwina Currie of the Conservatives with a majority of 8,613.

## Appeal judges make flyposting law stick

By Alan Hamilton

Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Mann disagreed. They allowed Derby council's appeal, and Mr Justice Mann added that there were good policy reasons why the offence should be construed as "continuing."

"It gives the local planning authority an opportunity to secure the removal of posters by those whose business is advertised, rather than rate-payers' expense," he said, directing the Derby magistrates to reconsider the case.

The BUAV said afterwards that the implication of the ruling, that campaigning groups were liable to conviction even if they were initially unaware that flyposting had taken place and had no idea who was responsible, was "horrifying."

Until yesterday's ruling, Bill Stickers ad the rest of the

## Maxwell's Mirror set to show sales slump

The first anniversary of Mr Robert Maxwell's takeover of Mirror Group Newspapers has given cause for little celebration with circulation figures to be published soon expected to show a substantial slump in sales.

All the indicators are that a decline in sales since March has turned into a slump with unofficial estimates placing the drop in sales for this June over June 1984 as high as 10.6 per cent for *The Mirror* and 13.1 per cent for the *Sunday Mirror*.

If these figures are confirmed next week, sales for *The Mirror* will have fallen to 3,143,000 and the *Sunday Mirror* to 3,072,000. Although monthly published figures only go back as far as 1969, *The Mirror* circulation was probably the lowest June figure since the war.

One explanation given for the dramatic fall in June sales figures has been the delayed return of unsold copies produced by an increased print run of *The Mirror* at the time of an industrial dispute at *The Sun* in March.

This would artificially deflate the number of copies of *The Mirror* sold at the time of a normal print run for several months. It is argued, but could not fully account for the slump.

Executives at Mirror Group Newspapers were unwilling to speculate on June sales figures, to be published by the independent Audit Bureau of Circulation next week. A spokesman for Mr Maxwell said last night he would not comment until the ABC figures had been published, adding that all daily tabloids were likely to show a decline.

The continuing decline in sales comes in the wake of a £10 million promotion launched recently, including television advertising.

The success of *The Mirror* has become a personal crusade of Mr Maxwell, who has appeared regularly in words and pictures in his own newspapers since taking over the group last July.

## Technology coup

The National Graphical Association has signed the first deal allowing newspaper journalists direct input to typesetting computers (Our Labour Reporter writes).

The agreement was signed at 2 am yesterday after nine hours of talks between national leaders of the NGA and the Portsmouth and Sunderland News group. The news will open the floodgates to similar deals throughout the provincial newspaper industry which has been waiting for one company to set the pace.

Management at the Portsmouth paper secured the settlement without any further substantial concessions to the union which is experiencing some discomfort in the field of new technology.

Leaders of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union will consider on July 25 a proposal for single union no-strike, put forward by Mr Eddie Shah for his new national newspaper.

## Church refugee couple sent back to Cyprus

A Cypriot couple who sought refuge in a church in London after fleeing from Cyprus, have been sent back to their home country.

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## Many women interviewed out of survey

The women interviewed on crime said they were going out alone at night, according to the Home Office survey.

The survey found that 41 per cent of women interviewed questioned their own safety when going out alone at night.

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If these figures are confirmed, the Mirror will have fallen to 3.1 million, the Sunday Mirror to 1,072,000. Although the Mirror's circulation is far from its lowest June figure since the war, it is a significant fall.

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Executives at Mirror Group Newspapers are unwilling to publish the figures. The Audit Bureau of Circulation next week will publish the figures for the Mirror and the Sunday Mirror.

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## Many women afraid to go out alone at night, survey on crime shows

By Stewart Tandler, Crime Reporter

Half the women interviewed in a survey on crime said they avoided going out alone at night, according to figures published by the Home Office yesterday.

Twenty-nine per cent of both men and women questioned in the survey skirted certain streets or areas in their neighbourhood after dark because of crime. The percentage rose to 41 among women.

The 1984 British Crime Survey, based on interviews with 11,000 people, is intended to cast light on the shape of crime which statistics and official returns do not show.

The survey found that "fear of crime was widespread and

intruded into people's routine behaviour". Some fear was misplaced and crime was a low priority in general concerns about local environment, except in some inner-city areas.

However, 29 per cent of all individuals avoided going out alone at night. One in 25 never went out at night and in high crime areas neither did 13 per cent of all elderly women.

In terms of individual types of crime, 12 per cent of men said they avoided football matches because of possible violence or other incidents. Women were particularly worried by rape, burglary and mugging.

Four out of ten women under the age of 30 said they were "very worried" by the risk of rape and one in nine thought it likely or very likely that they would be raped in the next year.

Nearly one in six people felt at risk from mugging in the next year and there was considerable anxiety about burglaries. But the survey said the risk was often exaggerated.

There were none the less areas of high risk. On the poorest council estates there were 19 attempted or actual break-ins per 100 homes in 1983.

Two-thirds of the incidents uncovered in the survey were unrecorded by the police. Crimes such as car theft and burglary, involving loss or insurance claims, were well-reported while low-value crime or minor assault was not.

There were an estimated 12 million incidents in 1983 falling into the survey's crime categories. Between 1981 and 1983 there was an overall increase in crime of 10 per cent against police statistics of 12 per cent.

Between 1981 and 1983 the survey shows a rise of 21 per cent for burglaries. All household offences rose by 10 per cent and offences against the person by 6 per cent.

The biggest single area of risk was motor vehicles. In 1983 one in five owners experienced some form of vehicle crime.

Ninety-eight per cent of car thefts were eventually recorded but only 8 per cent of vandalism incidents.

Ten per cent of owners suffered at least one form of vandalism while 9 per cent had something stolen and 2 per cent had their vehicles taken at least once.

Comparison of British Crime Survey estimates for 1981 and 1983 and non-reportable offences recorded by the police

	% increase (decrease in [ ])
Vandalism	9
Theft from vehicle	7
Burglary in dwelling	21
Theft of motor vehicle	24
Vehicle theft	24
Theft in dwelling	2
Theft from person/robbery	9
TOTAL	10

BCS estimates of offences in England and Wales

	1981 ,000	1983 ,000	% increase (decrease in [ ])
Vandalism	2,714	2,953	9
Theft from vehicle	1,272	1,364	7
Burglary in dwelling	745	904	21
Theft of vehicle	283	351	24
Vehicle theft	214	287	34
Theft in dwelling	124	126	2
Other household theft	1,535	1,671	9
Assault	1,852	1,852	0
Theft from person/robbery	586	650	11
Sexual offences	33	71	115
Other personal thefts	1,559	1,770	14
Household total	6,887	7,588	10
Personal total	4,097	4,343	6

## Bath's Elizabethan market threatened

An Elizabethan cattle market in Bath could be demolished if a multi-million pound plan for a city centre complex is allowed to go ahead.

The market place, a favourite with many London antique dealers and flea-marketters, would be demolished to make way for an access road to a neo-Georgian network of shops, restaurants and public library.

But objections have been raised by a number of local

groups who will petition Mr. Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, to halt the plans. Traders claim that the city council has no right to deprive them of the "flourishing" market place, which was given the royal charter by Elizabeth I.

"The Secretary of State is the only person now who has the powers to rescind the charter. It does not seem right to sacrifice part of Bath's

heritage to make way for an access road to a shopping complex," Mr. Ian Barclay, a businessman and petition organizer, said.

The "Podium" site development goes over Avon County Council on Thursday night and if approved building could start in October for completion by Christmas 1987. The developers and building contractors will be Marples Ridgeway.

## Man paralysed in shooting denies murder

A man accused of murdering one policeman and attempting to murder another at a seaside resort sat in a wheelchair beside the dock when he appeared at Norwich Crown Court yesterday.

Colin Richards, who was himself shot, denied murdering Acting Sergeant Brian Bishop and also attempting to murder Sgt Mervyn Fairweather at Frinton-on-Sea, Essex, last August.

Mr. Richards, of Sandpit Lane, south Weald, Brentwood, Essex, also denied wounding Sgt Fairweather with intent to resist arrest. But he admitted robbing Peter Hart of £8,705, attempting to rob Eric Cobden of a quantity of money, and using a firearm to resist arrest.

Mr. Robin Grey, QC, for the prosecution, told the jury that

Acting Sgt Bishop was shot as he attempted to arrest Mr. Richards near the seafront at Frinton.

Acting Sgt Bishop died in hospital five days later. There had never been anyone of his recovery from the first time he was seen by doctors.

Sgt Fairweather was also shot, "maybe with the same shot".

Mr. Grey said that police fired back before Mr. Richards had the opportunity to reload and fire again. Mr. Richards was seriously injured and is permanently paralysed from the waist down.

Mr. Grey, describing the events which he said led to the shooting, said Mr. Richards entered the High Street post office in Walton on the Naze, wearing a stocking mask and carrying a sawn-off double

barrelled shotgun at about 4.30pm on August 22 and escaped on a motor-cycle with £8,705.

Mr. Grey said that 20 minutes later Mr. Richards went into the post office in Frinton, again wearing a stocking mask and carrying the shotgun, and demanded cash. But a counter clerk pressed the alarm and Richards fled.

Mr. Grey said the Tactical Firearms Squad had by then been briefed at Clacton and given weapons, ammunition and body armour. Sergeant Bishop, 37, was appointed commander of one of two four-man teams who went to Central Avenue.

The police car drew up and Sgt Bishop got out. The police were armed with revolvers and a 12-bore shotgun.

Mr. Richards ignored a warning to stop.

He then produced a sawn-off shotgun and fired "at least one and probably two barrels of his shotgun."

Sgt Bishop was killed at once and Sgt Fairweather was hit in the groin.

Another senior police officer, acting Sgt Waugh, then fired both barrels of his shotgun.

Mr. Richards was hit, going down on one hand and one knee, but managed to get up and began staggering towards his motor-cycle.

Then, Mr. Grey said, Sgt Waugh challenged Mr. Richards again and when the defendant pointed his gun in his direction, fired both barrels. It was these shots which immobilised Mr. Richards.

The case continues.

## Church refuge couple sent back to Cyprus

A Cypriot couple who sought sanctuary in a church in London in an attempt to avoid deportation left Britain yesterday after a final Home Office order to go.

"We want to leave with dignity, but we feel very sad. We will just go straight into a refugee camp", Mr. Vassilis Nikola, aged 35, said.

He and his wife, Katrina, aged 38, spent 135 days in the St Mary the Virgin Church, Camden, trying to persuade the Home Office to change its mind and grant them refugee status.

"Our case is just. We are refugees from the fighting and our home is now in Britain. We have nothing to go back to in Cyprus", Mr. Nikola said. His wife, clutching a bunch of pink roses, said: "It is a very sad day for us."



The National Youth Theatre is to present seven plays in London from August 5 to September 21, and be host to a festival of 15 regional youth companies in the first week of September.



Mr. Michael Croft, who established the theatre, is photographed with two members of the company, Anna Verdine, left, aged 21, from Oxford, and Rachel Bell, aged 20, from Sussex.

## Parents give low marks to schools on homework

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Parents are dissatisfied with the running of children's homework because pupils are not given enough and it is not sufficiently organized or marked, the Welsh Consumer Council says.

The council has told Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, in its response to his consultative document on the subject, that homework is the third most frequently mentioned concern of parents.

It says in a paper published today that her Majesty's Inspectors of schools in Wales have also pointed to failings in the homework system, in particular that many schools had not

thought out their homework policy and that too often teachers did not really know why they were setting homework.

Katherine Hughes, director of the Welsh Consumer Council, said: "All schools should have a well thought-out homework system which has clear aims, is understood by staff, pupils and parents and operates fairly and smoothly in practice."

The view on the consultative document on homework from the Department of Education and Science that, if priority is to be given to making it more effective, extra resources are needed, is endorsed by the consumer council.

## Ex-police chief leads computer piracy fight

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

A former chief superintendent of the Metropolitan Police is to lead the British computer industry's fight against software piracy.

Mr. Bob Hat has been appointed by the Federation Against Software Theft (FAST) to combat traders in counterfeit computer programs which the industry believes are costing it £150 million a year in lost sales.

He will be enforcement coordinator, acting as a focal point for the industry. The federation, which has about 40 corporate and a dozen trade association members, all connected with the British computer industry, hopes to build up a data base to allow companies to cross-check

## Nurses' right to hearing after court verdict

Nurses found guilty in courts of ill-treating patients must be given a chance by the profession's conduct committee to prove their innocence before being struck off or disciplined, a High Court judge ruled yesterday.

Mr. Justice Forbess dismissed a claim by the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting that its conduct committee was wrong to allow a male nurse the chance to prove he should not have been convicted.

A psychiatric nurse Andrew Heathorn was fined £150 at Grimsby Crown Court on September 4 1983 after being found guilty of ill-treatment. Later he was charged with misconduct by the central council and an inquiry began



Part of the last photograph of Nicholas Hurst, just a few steps before he was swept out to sea

## Minutes away from death

The last photograph of Nicholas Hurst, aged 10, before he was swept to his death at Land's End has been given to his parents.

Before the inquest opened, Nicholas's father, Mr. John Hurst, said: "I wept when I first saw it. I just could not look at it and I did not want to know. Now though, it is different. It is probably the most treasured photograph we have, the last record of our son."

Nicholas's mother said: "The very fact that Matthew is not in the picture with Nicky makes me think he took it. They were inseparable."

friend, Matthew Bailey, aged 10, shows him full face and smiling, going down the path with one or two children in front.

The photograph was taken just minutes before the boy joined 10 other children to scramble down a cliff path. As they got near the bottom a large wave struck the children, sweeping five of them into the sea.

Four, including Nicholas, drowned in the Bank holiday Monday accident on May 8. The photograph, thought to have been taken by Nicholas's

## Children who died were unsupervised on cliffs, inquest told

A group of about 12 schoolchildren played at the foot of dangerous cliffs at Land's End for half an hour without any supervision before a "exceptionally large wave" swept four of them to their deaths, an inquest was told yesterday.

Although there were three staff members and two parents accompanying the party of 51 children from Stoke Poges Middle School on a Bank holiday outing, none was with the children below the cliffs, according to Heather Price, aged 12, who survived after being swept off the rocks with four boys who died.

The girl told the hearing at Penzance in Cornwall that she was a strong swimmer and tried to save a classmate who was swept from her grasp by the swell.

She scrambled on to the rock from where she was pulled to safety.

Her evidence came after that of Mrs. Rita Lamden who said that Mr. Alec Askey, the school headmaster, gave her a "jumble" of accounts of how her son Roca Lamden, aged 11, died with the other boys on the afternoon outing on May 6.

Mr. Donald Thompson, solicitor acting for Mr. Askey, told Mr. Derrick Pepperell the West Cornwall coroner, that there were legal difficulties over challenging her evidence at that stage. He asked the coroner to note he could not accept her evidence in total.

The inquest is into the deaths of Roca Lamden, aged 11, of Stoke Court Drive, Nicholas Hurst, aged 10, of Freeman's Close, James Holloway, aged 11, of Elizabeth Way, and Robert Ankers, aged 12, of Eldersfield Road, all in Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire.

Only the bodies of James Holloway and Robert Ankers have been recovered. The party was on an activity holiday at a camp in St Austell.

Heather Price, of Rowley Lane, Stoke Poges, was the first of 10 schoolchildren to give evidence yesterday.

She said that she and two other girls followed a group of boys towards the cliffs and climbed down two rocks.

They were at the foot of the cliffs for about half an hour. The teachers and the parents were at the top, organizing a photograph session.

"None of them actually did come down the side of the cliffs," she said.

The children were watching waves coming into the inlet when she was aware of a "much bigger wave" than she had ever seen before. The next thing she knew was that she was in the water and she could see only Ricci Lamden beside her.

"I just grabbed him and started to pull him in but then a wave came over the top of me and I was washed out," the girl said.

She grabbed him, but a wave washed him away and she was washed into another cove where she grabbed a rock. Mr. David Paddison, a parent, pulled her to a higher ledge of rock.

Mrs. Lamden said: "I would like to know why they were going rock climbing and why there was no supervision."

The coastguard sector officer for Land's End, said he regarded the rock area as "not safe at all".

The inquest continues today.

It was disclosed yesterday that Buckinghamshire education authority is to hold a departmental inquiry into the accident.

The parents of the four boys who died have called for the suspension while an inquiry is held of Mr. A. Askey.

A memorial fund for the boys has raised more than £8,000.



Heather Price who survived the accident, and Mr. Alec Askey, the school's headmaster

## One giant step

A great hurdler knows the challenge of the event: a 400 metre circuit with 10 barriers, where one missed step can mean defeat.

Similarly, in the IAAF Mobil Grand Prix, there are 16 challenges - 16 international meetings pitting the best athletes in the world against another.

The competition, sponsored by Mobil and organised by the International Amateur Athletic Federation, kicked off 25 May in San Jose, California, and culminates with the Finals in Rome on 7 September. Coming up are the Nikala in Nice on 16 July and the Peugeot Talbot Games in London on 19 July.

Grand Prix points are awarded to athletes on the basis of their performances and times. World records gain extra points. Overall Grand Prix awards will be made to the outstanding male and female athletes and to the outstanding performers in each event.

With 10 meets to go, endurance counts, for there are hurdles ahead - and 10 chances to take a giant step to the front.



## Technology coup

The National Graphic Association has given the ideal of a multi-million pound plan for a city centre complex is allowed to go ahead.

The market place, a favourite with many London antique dealers and flea-marketters, would be demolished to make way for an access road to a neo-Georgian network of shops, restaurants and public library.

But objections have been raised by a number of local

## Worshippers warned on conflict

Lead in the Church of England's prayer book, the Book of Common Prayer, is to be replaced by a new version, the Book of Alternative Services, which will be used by some churches in the future.

The new version, which is being developed by the Church of England's General Synod, is expected to be published in the next few years.

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## Labour choice

Mr. John Smith, the Labour Party's candidate for the Frinton-on-Sea constituency, has been chosen to stand in the next general election.

Mr. Smith, who is a local councillor, has been chosen by the Labour Party's National Executive Committee.

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## Law stick

Water, however, had been delivered in a reasonable delivery, a plea of guilty to a charge of conspiracy to defraud was entered by a man charged with conspiring to defraud the British Overseas Airways Corporation.

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## Anzus anxious for an end to nuclear rift with New Zealand

From Tony Duboudin, Melbourne

Australia and the United States reaffirmed their faith in the Anzus alliance and its usefulness, despite the dispute between Washington and Wellington over access for American nuclear-armed or powered warships to New Zealand ports.

This annual act of faith was made by Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and Mr Bill Hayden, the Australian Foreign Minister, at the end of day-long talks between Mr Shultz and Australian Ministers in Canberra yesterday.

Both men emphasized the importance of the Anzus treaty and continued co-operation between the two countries on defence and other matters, and said it was essential that port and airfield access should continue if the alliance were to be effective.

They also expressed the hope that full trilateral co-operation would soon be possible, indicating that both countries would like to see New Zealand return to the Anzus fold.

"I share with you the hope that, as time goes on we will find a way to rectify our differences with New Zealand, so they once again can join us at these meetings," Mr Shultz said.

The discussions between Mr Shultz and Australian Ministers covered a wide range of topics, including nuclear disarmament, international terrorism, agricultural protectionism, American-Soviet relations and the Middle East.

Australia expressed its concern that the US policy of subsidizing agricultural exports in retaliation for EEC policy might affect adversely Australia's traditional markets.

On the question of President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative, the "Star Wars" project, Mr Shultz qualified the US request for Australia to take part in research, saying that Washington was not asking Australia to take part in the programme, merely to participate in the research project.

Australia has yet to reply to the US invitation but Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, has said that Australia does not think that the project is a good idea.

At the opening of the talks, Mr Shultz criticised "escapism and isolationism" in Western countries.

Yesterday's meeting was the first time since the Anzus treaty was signed 33 years ago that New Zealand was not present at annual talks with Australia and the US. Mr Shultz leaves Australia today for Fiji.

## Profitable boom in crime and punishment

In the second of two articles from New York, Trevor Fishlock examines the costs and consequences of this new area for privatization.

The judge took the idea from a comic strip. Instead of going to jail a prisoner agrees to wear a radio transmitter on his ankle. It tells the authorities through a computer if he moves more than 50 yards from home.

The electronic hobbler is being used experimentally in New Mexico as a way of keeping people guilty of minor offences out of overcrowded prisons.

A convicted man is offered the choice of wearing the device or going to jail. He works during the day and is confined to his home by the house-arrest device at night and weekends.

The electronic band-and-chain is part of the search for non-custodial alternatives to



Prisoners' beds in Monterey County jail, California, in conditions which prison governors say are "stoking tensions"

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jail. It may have its uses, but it will not do much to alleviate chronic overcrowding in American prisons.

The crime rate is falling but the prison population rises because judges impose longer sentences and jail more offenders. The number of prisoners was doubled in a decade and, according to projections, there will be more than a million within 15 years. Prison governors are concerned at the way crowding is stoking tensions.

Eighteen months ago a New York judge focussed attention

on crowded jails by ordering the release of several hundred prisoners to relieve overcrowding. The public wants criminals jailed but does not like spending money on confining them. Like the rest of us, Americans have hazy ideas of the complex nature of crime, policing and justice, and have instinctive assumptions and solutions. While an increase in

the probability of imprisonment is more effective than stiffer sentences, the demand from a public angered by predatory violent crime is for long sentences.

Texas, like many Americans, are having to face up to what this means. They have been told they must pay billions of dollars for new jails or reduce the number of criminals sentenced. Until recently the

state's high-population prisons were run cheaply, partly because tough prisoners were appointed to rule jails by fear, essentially doing the work of guards.

On a judge's orders, that system was changed last year. Texas was told to clean up its repressive prisons. It must spend \$500 million on new jails or cut down sentencing.

In the next few years states

will spend more than \$5 billion on new prisons. In more than one way prison is a growth industry, and businessmen scent opportunities. *Barron's*, the business magazine, said recently "the private jail market is ripe."

Finance houses are advising clients to invest in private prisons. E. F. Hutton, one of the country's largest brokers, is one of them.

The private sector already provides many prison services, including meals and training. It also runs detention centres for juveniles and illegal aliens. A private company is planning a 700-bed maximum security jail in Pennsylvania.

The development of private prisons is part of a trend towards contracting public services to private business. There is a renewed interest in making a profit on prison labour. Florida, for example, is planning to privatize its prison industries and Chief Justice Warren Burger is an enthusiastic advocate of making prisons pay.

Critics say private prisons enable authorities and society to relinquish their responsibilities, shutting prisoners out of their minds. Private guards, it is argued, cannot be society's representatives in the way that police and public prison officers are. And it is argued further that it is wrong that prison discipline and parole credits should be in the hands of people whose purpose is profit.

Private prisons, it is said, are a facile "solution", a sticking plaster, a way in which the public avoids confronting the immense problem of crime and punishment.

Concluded

## Rebuff on Cambodia

## Asean to carry on search for peace

From Paul Routledge, Kuala Lumpur

Foreign ministers of South-East Asia ended their joint conference and "dialogue" with the major industrialized countries at the weekend amid a certain amount of self-congratulation, even though their main diplomatic initiative - towards peace in Cambodia - looks fatally flawed.

As the developing region closest to the Western business outlook, the six countries of the Association of South East Asian Nations were gratified to see Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State, launch his plea for a new world economic order from an Asean platform.

Asean has warmly endorsed the Western proposal for a new round of Gatt talks on the liberalization of world trade, which the US believes could bring "a long period of economic expansion". The nations of South-East Asia have promised to employ their not inconsiderable political clout towards that end in the coming months.

Nor will the six member nations - Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Brunei and the Philippines - give up easily on their initiative to end the war in Cambodia. Hanoi has informally rejected their proposal for indirect or "proximity" talks between the United Nations-recognized coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea and Vietnam and may soon formally repudiate it on the grounds that it gives insufficient recognition to the Vietnamese-installed Heng Samrin regime which would be only a junior partner in the Hanoi delegation.

But Asean is determined to keep up the pressure, and will raise the issue again at the UN General Assembly in the autumn.

That will also be the venue for pursuing the other main issue at the Kuala Lumpur conference drugs. Malaysia has taken the lead in persuading Asean to demand a concerted global war against the abuse of drugs and the UN will be asked to co-ordinate the biggest international campaign yet seen, particularly against heroin that comes from the South-East Asian "Golden Triangle" in Burma, Thailand and Laos.

Burma will soon be asked to participate in regional co-operation against trafficking.

The Asean nations readily admit that their own trade relations have not gone ahead as fast as pace as their external activities. The agreement on recognition of domestic driving licences in the six nations, greater co-operation in travel and the signing of a deal on the conservation of nature last week will not do much to lift intra-Asean trade from its present level of about 20 per cent, described by the Prime Minister of Malaysia as "mediocre or worse".

But in a brutally frank assessment of Asean's first 18 years, Datuk Musa Hiptam, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, told the foreign ministers that despite the long list of failures in the past and the long list of failures yet to come Asean had been a success.

"It has helped immeasurably to give to each of the member states a degree of psychological self-confidence which has helped to prevent rash actions and panic policies over all these years."

The Asean community is now the second largest grouping of market economies in the world, and with a population of 280 million has about as many people as Central and South America combined. Its market is four times the size of China's and although Asean is "not in the major leagues," Datuk Musa said, "it is no longer a small or insignificant segment of the world atlas."

Asean leaders intend to build on what they regard as "a winning formula" focusing more attention towards trade. The next opportunity for a breakthrough in this field will be in Bangkok in October when the organization will be meeting economic ministers of the EEC.

The emphasis on trade and the problem of drugs was no doubt deliberately designed to shed Asean's image of an organization obsessed by a single issue - Cambodia. Judging by the comments of Western diplomats at the close of proceedings some of the self-congratulation was justified.

## PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

### Cuba

#### Roberto Pérez

By Caroline Moorehead

Roberto Martín Pérez Rodríguez was a student and writer in his early twenties when, on August 12, 1959, he was arrested and brought to trial for "activities against the powers of the state". Señor Pérez had been outspokenly critical of President Castro's policies. He was tried by the Revolutionary Tribunal in Havana and sentenced to 30 years in prison, apparently for refusing "rehabilitation treatment".

In the spring of 1970, having served his first ten years, Señor Pérez took part in a strike against prison conditions, refusing to obey prison regulations or to dress in the same uniform as that worn by common criminals. He was transferred to a high security prison in Boniato, where, in 1975, he was injured during a prison riot.



Señor Pérez Castro critic.

In 1977 he was moved again, this time back to Havana and in February 1979 he was permitted his first family visit in ten years. But two years later, this time in hunger strike, this time in protest at prison brutality, all family visits were suspended.

The Pérez family, and in particular his mother, now aged 82, have not seen him since that day. The only news to have reached them is that he has been held in solitary confinement, without access to sunlight or fresh air. Next month, on August 12, he will have spent 25 years in prison.

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## Cancellation of tour by All Blacks shocks whites in South Africa

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Rugby-crazy white South Africans have been stunned by the New Zealand Rugby Football Union's decision to cancel the All Blacks' tour of this country in response to an interim injunction by a New Zealand court.

The touring side was to have arrived in Johannesburg on Friday and to have played their opening game against Northern Free State, in Welkom on July 24. Altogether 16 matches, including three internationals, had been planned.

Pre-tour ballyhoo had been extraordinary. The tour was portrayed as a contest for the unofficial world rugby crown, and a severe setback for the campaign to isolate South Africa from world sport as punishment for its policy of apartheid.

It is estimated that the South African Rugby Board stands to lose about 12 million rands (£4.6 million) in gate money. The main venues, Ellis Park in Johannesburg, Loftus Versfeld, in Pretoria, Newlands in Cape Town and King's Park in Durban, had been sold out for some time.

The United Democratic Front, a multi-racial coalition of radical anti-apartheid groups, which had planned demonstrations against the tour, said yesterday that the "oppressed people" of South Africa applauded the cancellation decision.

In a statement the UDF said the All Blacks would have shown "gross insensitivity" if they had proceeded with the tour "at a time when the South African Army and police are massacring our people".

## Abusive phone calls plague Lange

From Our Correspondent, Wellington

Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, said yesterday he had received abusive and threatening telephone calls after the High Court had granted an interim injunction obliging the New Zealand Rugby Football Union to cancel the planned All Blacks tour of South Africa.

But Mr Lange rejected the claim by Mr Jim McLay, leader of the Opposition, and other "misinformed" people, that individual rights of travel had been limited. The decision to cancel the tour arose from action taken by the court. Not by any politician, Mr Lange said. The Government was not involved in any way.

Mr Lange said he understood the disappointment of the players, who had been assembling at the weekend to fly to South Africa. "But if you ask me who I feel sorry for, it is for the four out of five South Africans who don't get a vote, for the 300-odd people who have been shot there," he said.

The Prime Minister also said that his Government would oppose any attempts to arrange a substitute tour. The rugby union chairman, Mr Ces Blazey, said the union's council would meet today to "consider all the options that are open to us".

One council member, Mr Tom Johnson, said a short tour "could be arranged if the main court action failed. Mr Lange said he believed it would be ludicrous for All Blacks to go to South Africa as individuals, as had been suggested in some quarters.

The Opposition has called a caucus meeting for today when it is expected to define its attitude to the latest developments. Mr McLay said yesterday he regretted that the decision to cancel the tour had been forced on the rugby union.

Threats have also been made against the two rugby-playing lawyers, Mr Philip Recordon and Mr Patrick Finnigan, who initiated the court action.

The court hearings on the lawyers' challenge resume tomorrow.

## Strike delay by mine union

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

South Africa's main black mining union yesterday postponed for two weeks a decision on whether to call a strike in gold and coal mines for higher wages.

A spokesman for the National Union of Mine-

workers said a strike ballot at 18 gold mines and 11 collieries where the union is recognized had shown "overwhelming support", although final results were still being checked.

The union said it wanted to hold a national congress before

taking a strike decision. The gold and coal mining industry, which employs more than 500,000 blacks, is one of the pillars of the national economy.

The postponement is seen as evidence of disagreement within the union leadership

## Japan's Premier in lyrical mood



Mr Nakasone, the poet-politician, holding up the haiku he composed at Sunday's military parade.

## Trade deficit still bothers the French

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, leaves France today at the end of a four-day official visit during which he has sought to strengthen relations with Europe and demonstrate that Japan is more than just an "economic animal".

Although the problem of France's large trade deficit with Japan - 15 billion francs (£1.25 billion) last year - hung over the visit like a black cloud, it was not allowed to dominate what were described by the Japanese as extremely fruitful talks between Mr Nakasone, President Mitterrand, M Laurent Fabius, the Prime Minister, and other French ministers, which included the American Star Wars initiative, East-West relations, the Gatt trade talks and Franco-Japanese cultural relations.

A poet and painter in his own right, Mr Nakasone went out of his way to emphasise Japan's cultural interests, visiting the Orangerie Impressionist art gallery in Paris, Claude Monet's house at Giverny outside the capital, Cézanne's studio in Aix-en-Provence, and presenting President Mitterrand with 380 of his own haiku (traditional four-verse Japanese poems).

During the traditional July 14 military parade down the Champs Elysées, he was guest of honour at President Mitter-

## 100 hurt in clashes at Indian resort

Delhi (Reuters) - More than 100 people were injured in clashes between police and crowds in the northern Indian tourist resort of Srinagar capital of the mainly Muslim state of Jammu and Kashmir on the border with Pakistan, the Press Trust of India reported.

Police used tear gas and batons to try to break up the crowds, who gathered in the streets of the old city shouting slogans in support of Pakistan, the agency said.

## European gloom cuts spending

Brussels (Reuters) - Gloomy job prospects have made Europeans trim their spending while Americans continue to splash out on big purchases, a European Commission report says.

The report based its findings on a recent consumer survey which showed that a majority of Community citizens thought this a bad time to make large purchases, with the French and Dutch the most pessimistic. By contrast, a majority of Americans were eager to spend despite a slowdown in US industry.

## Family ruling

Cincinnati (AP) - The family of Neil MacLennan from Scotland and that of Jessica Thompson can sue Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals individually to seek civil judgments for birth defects allegedly caused by the anti-nausea sickness drug Bendectin, a federal appeals court has ruled.

## Kidnap rescue

San Sebastian (Reuters) - Spanish police raided a flat in the town of Levo near here and rescued Señor Angel Carasusan Madrazo, aged 65, a landowner kidnapped six days ago by Basque separatist guerrillas. Four people were arrested.

## Sheikh detained

Cairo (AP) - State security authorities have detained Sheikh Hafez Salama, Egypt's most vocal advocate of Islamic law, and are questioning him about pamphlets allegedly found in his office, one of his aides said.

## Forests ablaze

Athens (AFP) - Fierce fires destroyed thousands of hectares of forests in several regions of Greece in the past 24 hours, and forced tourists to flee from camping sites at Anavassos on the Gulf of Salonika.

## Drink offenders

Moscow (Reuters) - Soviet police recorded 15,000 violations of new drink laws in the month since they came into effect. The main offenders were people who sold alcohol outside legal hours or in prohibited places.

## Gulf target

Baghdad (Reuters) - Iraq said its planes scored direct hits on a "large naval target", the usual reference to merchant tankers, in the northern Gulf.

## Buried past

Bergen (AFP) - The municipal council of this north German town, site of the infamous Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, has refused to name a street after Anne Frank, who died in the camp after being deported from Amsterdam.

## Rain raises crop hopes in Sahel

Niamey (AFP) - Improved rainfall in the Sahel region of West Africa has led to satisfactory growth of crops and pasture grass in several areas seriously affected in the past by drought, regional agriculture experts said.

Specialists at the Agro-Meteorological and Operational Hydrology centre here said this week that while spring rains were still below normal, they had fallen steadily for several weeks.

They said crop growth, particularly of grains, was satisfactory. But despite the greater precipitation, the experts gave a warning against over-optimism, saying it was too early to estimate actual harvest levels and that food production figures would remain unclear until late August. They said parts of Niger and Burkina Faso were still receiving insufficient rain.

## Mugabe removes minister as rebuke to white farmers

From Jan Raath, Harare

Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, announced a 26-member Cabinet yesterday, with a further 11 deputy ministers.

Contrary to expectations, he has dropped Mr Dennis Norman, the popular white Minister of Agriculture as a riposte for white farmers who returned Mr Ian Smith, the former Prime Minister of Rhodesia, to parliament in a resounding election victory last month.

However, the sensitivities of the white community have not been totally ignored. Mr Chris Andersen, an independent MP who broke away from Mr Smith in 1982, is back in the Cabinet. Mr Mugabe has also switched the Home Affairs portfolio again and given it to Mr Enos Nkala, the fiery arch-enemy of Mr Joshua Nkomo, leader of the opposition party Zanu. The appointment gives new meaning to Mr Mugabe's promises in

the last week to crack down on Zanu for its alleged support for guerrillas.

At a press conference on the laws of his residence, yesterday, Mr Mugabe conceded that Mr Norman had served "marvellously" in the previous Government. It had been expected that the Independent Zimbabwe group, composed chiefly of rebels against Mr Smith's party, would win the white elections and from their number in the House of Assembly they could have appointed Mr Norman to the Senate.

But it didn't happen. Mr Mugabe said, "It would appear the work he was doing with me was not appreciated. Otherwise they (the white farmers) would not have voted for Ian Smith, a man they well know was the enemy of the people of Zimbabwe."

Mr Mugabe said he now saw no reason why the ruling party should "bend over backwards to please them at all". Whites would now have to be catered for along with everyone else he said.

Mr Norman's exclusion is expected to be received with great disappointment by the 4,000-member commercial farming community.

His replacement is Mr Niven Mahachi, who combines his old Ministry of Lands and Resettlement with Agriculture. He has a reputation for regarding white farmers as "land barons on property that rightly belongs to the African people."

Mr Andersen, has been returned to his position as minister of State for the Public Service. He is the only white in the Cabinet.

Mr Nkala, as Minister of Home Affairs, will have responsibility for the maintenance of law and order.

## Mob victims join victors

From Our Own Correspondent, Harare

Hundreds of supporters of Zimbabwe's opposition parties, who had their homes ransacked and burnt last week, have emerged as new recruits to the Zanu (PF) party of Mr Robert Mugabe.

At townships throughout Harare this weekend, men and women who in the elections, which ended 10 days ago, voted for Mr Joshua Nkomo's Zanu, Bishop Muzorewa's United African National Council and the Rev Ndabandani Sithole's Zanu, publicly renounced their former allegiances.

Zanu (PF) officials from Mifakose township said 1,500 new converts went through a ceremony where they declared the opposition parties and made a large bonfire with T-shirts, flags, banners, literature, pamphlets and uniforms of the opposition parties.

Almost anyone in Mifakose last week who was suspected of not being a sufficiently active supporter of Zanu (PF) found themselves evicted and on the narrow streets of the township Mr Mugabe made his first public statement on the victory, once at a meeting in his Highfield constituency in Harare. He was quoted by The Herald, Zimbabwe's main daily newspaper, as saying that the three days of violence last week were "unfortunate and out of step with party principle".

However, he was also quoted as saying that those who remained "unrepentant" after his party's election victory would find that "things will get tough".

## Black boxes to be opened by Air-India today

From Richard Ford, Delhi

The official Indian Government inquiry into the crash of the Air-India jumbo jet begins today in Bombay when the two black box recorders will be opened.

It is expected that representatives of the American Transport Safety Board and officials from the Boeing aircraft company will assist Indian officials.

The two boxes, the flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder, will be opened in the presence of Mr Justice Kripal of the Delhi High Court, who is heading the formal inquiry.

TOKYO: Two senior Japanese policemen have left for Canada to help to investigate the bomb blast at Tokyo's Narita airport on June 23 and the Air-India disaster the same day (AFP reports).

## Lloyds Bank Base Rate

Lloyds Bank Plc has reduced its Base Rate from 12.5% to 12% p.a. with effect from Tuesday, 16th July 1985.

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## 'Nothing for the West to worry about'

## Sudan rejects fear over Libyan links

Khartoum (NYT) - The Sudanese leader, General Abdul-Rahman said yesterday that a closer relationship was developing between his country and Libya but that he saw no reason why that should weaken ties with the United States.

"I am not at all worried that our relations with Libya might affect our relations with America," he said. "Because you become friends with somebody that does not mean you are giving away your friendship with someone else."

Commenting for the first time on the Sudanese-Libyan military agreement announced here this week, General Swar al-Dahab, who came to power in a coup in April, said: "There is nothing that our friends in the West should be worried about. This is not a military pact or treaty."

He instead described the agreement as a memorandum of understanding that mainly pledges Libya to provide Sudan with military equipment. Government spokesmen have previously described the agreement as military protocols.

Last Tuesday President Reagan expressed grave concern about the agreement, saying it could only have an adverse impact on United States-Sudanese ties.

Asked about the section regarding the training of Sudanese soldiers in Libya, the general said they have offered vacancies in their military schools.

"That does not mean, that whatever we are offered we will take," he said.

He gave no clear explanation of why Sudan's Civilian Council of Ministers and political party leaders had not been given an opportunity to review the agreement before its signing last week in Tripoli or why the agreement has not been made public.

## Bank staff protest against corruption

Khartoum: About 15 people were injured when police used tear gas and clubs to disperse more than 5,000 bank workers who took to the streets here, demanding an inquiry into alleged corruption in the Central Bank of Sudan, eyewitnesses said (Reuters reports).

They also demanded price cuts on essential foods and denounced agreements between Sudan and the International Monetary Fund, and the World Bank, widely blamed for austerity measures.

"It will be published in the press very soon," he said. "There is nothing to hide."

General Swar al-Dahab, speaking in his office at the People's Palace, the ornate white building on The Nine that first served as government headquarters in the 19th century when Sudan was ruled jointly by Britain and Egypt, said he was absolutely eager to turn the country over to civilian rule and return to life as an army officer.

"Now, all of a sudden, when you find yourself faced by the unlimited problems of this vast Sudan," he said, "with the worst calamity we have ever faced, the question of the famine, so many dying every day, you can't sleep."

He said he remained determined to hold elections as scheduled early next spring. Free elections and open political activity were not permitted during the 16-year tenure of former President Nimeiry. Nevertheless, he had been among Washington's closest allies in Africa and a staunch opponent of Ethiopia and Libya.

## Detectives to interview yacht crew

Auckland (Reuters) - Detectives flew to Norfolk Island in the South Pacific yesterday to interview the crew of a French yacht in connection with the bomb blast on the Rainbow Warrior, flagship of the Greenpeace environmental group.

The twin-masted ketch Ouvea was seen in Auckland harbour last Wednesday, when a bomb sank the Rainbow

Warrior and killed a Greenpeace photographer.

Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, said yesterday there was a "strong suggestion" that the bombing was an external operation.

Detectives were also flying to Noumea, capital of the French territory of New Caledonia, where the yacht had been chartered by a four-man crew.

The Rainbow Warrior had planned to sail to the French Pacific nuclear test site at Mururoa atoll in French Polynesia. Anti-nuclear activists said a "peace flotilla" consisting of the Greenpeace yacht Vega and two other vessels would sail from Auckland despite the sabotage.

The French Consul here is under 24-hour police guard.



# Grim future awaits EEC unless farm prices are held down for many years

From Ian Murray, Brussels

Only by severely holding down EEC farm prices for many years will it be possible to eliminate the surpluses which are crippling the Community. That is the essential plank of the Green Paper on the future of the common agricultural policy which was presented to Community farm ministers at their meeting here yesterday.

If this is not done, the paper says the only alternative would be to impose a quota system on production which would be nothing but a palliative creating many negotiation difficulties.

"The only healthy approach in the medium and long term is to give market prices a more important role. This is the argument which has been pressed unsuccessfully by successive British agriculture ministers and which has consistently run foul of the farming lobby and a majority of member states."

than about 115 million tonnes a year, and this is dropping slowly. People eat fewer cereals as living standards rise. Animals eat fewer European cereals when cheaper ones can be bought from the United States. In consequence, there are still about 20 million tonnes of unsold EEC cereals in stock as farmers prepare to bring in a harvest which is expected to be well over 130 million tonnes.

	Farmers with lower than 20 hectares	Farmers with more than 20 hectares
W Germany	1	3
France	10	2
Italy	35	15
Netherlands	43	15
Belgium	47	13
Luxembourg	28	4
Britain	28	4
Ireland	21	5
Denmark	20	5
Greece	91	66
Spain	77	6
Portugal	90	1

1 and 3: National percentage of all farmers in this category  
2 and 4: National percentage of agricultural land in this category  
Average for the Ten

In all countries - save Italy and Greece - a majority of the farmers only work part time on the land but look to their farm income as a way of topping up existing wages to a high level.

This has been a crucial factor in West Germany, where the Government knows that it will lose the votes of thousands of part-time farmers if it agrees to the cuts in cereal prices which the Community so urgently requires if it is to balance the books.

The Green Paper suggests seven ways to control cereal production and an income aid for those farmers who would suffer a real drop in living standards as a result. Since this would need to be continued for years before any significant cut in production could be expected, the long-term cost to the Community could be considerable.

The paper tries to set out the various options available for restructuring agriculture in Europe, but they all rely on a first essential step of holding down, or cutting, prices. After that, incomes have to be helped with direct grants. Numbers have to be cut by funding early retirement.

About 1.9 million landholders would probably need extra income help and this would cost the Community up to 3,000 million over five years. There would also be special help needed for as many as 1.5 million small landholders, who would suffer particularly from the structural changes brought about by reform. This would cost up to £600 million a year.

Another idea is modelled on the American system of paying farmers to take land out of production. No estimate is made of how much land would be involved, or how much this would cost.



Lydia Morata, a 31-year-old night club hostess, giving evidence for the defence at the Benigno Aquino murder trial in Manila, demonstrates how she saw a blue-shirted man shoot the Philippines opposition leader as he was being escorted by soldiers from a plane at Manila airport (AP reports from Manila).

## UN chief opens conference Women must share the world's future

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

The United Nations Secretary-General, Javier Pérez de Cuellar, opened a conference here yesterday to mark the end of the UN Decade for Women and called on the world's nations to regard the advances in the past 10 years as only a beginning.

As the world moves towards the year 2000, he said, it is imperative to continue to move forward. "The future of the human race depends on us all."

The promotion of peace in its broadest sense demands the fostering of economic and social development and the universal observance of human rights. "Clearly, without a full partnership of men and women, these goals will remain elusive," he said.

In court yesterday the chief prosecutor, Mr Manuel Herrera, said he might call US military officers to testify about reports that Philippines Air Force planes had tried to intercept Aquino's commercial jetliner on its way to Manila on the day of the murder.

The *San Francisco Examiner*, quoting US officers it said are no longer in the Philippines, reported on Sunday that Filipino officers took over US radar screens and tried to divert the China Airlines jet. The US men were asked to leave the room while the Philippines tracked the F5 fighters sent to intercept Aquino's plane and force it to land at a Philippine military base outside Manila. The report said the planes left too late to meet the jetliner.

while the Soviet Union has the first woman cosmonaut, Valentina Tereshkova, leading its team.

Lady Young, Minister of State in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, leads the British delegation. Britain is in some sympathy with the US attitude that the conference should not be allowed to be distracted by the East-West confrontation, Middle East politics and apartheid.

Several developing countries oppose the US stand that, to ensure progress in the conference, matters must be decided by consensus rather than a formal vote.

The aim of the conference is to review the achievements of the women's decade and draw up new targets to continue the work of assuring equality.

Barcelona: The World Congress on Youth, organized by Unesco yesterday called on governments to provide funds and training to enable those aged 15 to 24 to participate more directly in helping solve their countries' grave economic and social problems (Our Own Correspondent writes).

The 560 delegates and non-governmental specialists in youth affairs from more than 100 nations urged the world's young people to seize opportunities and develop their own initiative for tackling problems like illiteracy, drug abuse, and unemployment.

## Israeli crisis talks to head off a general strike

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem

Israeli government and trade union leaders were meeting last night in a last-ditch effort to avert a complete shutdown of the economy from today. The Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, and the Finance Minister, Mr Yitzhak Mordechai, were due to start talking with the secretary-general of the Histadrut (the General Federation of Labour), Mr Israel Kassar, some three hours after the publication of the June inflation figures.

The consumer price index went up by 14.9 per cent last month, the highest figure ever recorded for June, but still somewhat less than the 17 to 18 per cent forecast. It was seen as likely to facilitate agreement, and both Mr Mordechai and Mr Kassar were cautiously optimistic about the chance of a breakthrough.

After a marathon all-night session on Sunday night involving Mr Peres, Mr Mordechai and Mr Kassar, agreement was reached in the early hours of yesterday morning on the compensation to be paid to salaried workers for part of the projected wage erosion between now and next March.

But no agreement was reached on what will happen if there is any deviation from the projected wage erosion should inflation not fall to the levels

forecast by the Government. Neither did the negotiators take the issue of lay-offs in the public sector and the extra 3 per cent wage erosion which employees in the sector are required to sustain under the government plan.

The talks were taking place under the threat of the Histadrut's general strike planned for today if no agreement was reached.

Both Mr Kassar and the head of the Histadrut's trade union department, Mr Chaim Haber-schod, made it plain yesterday that, even with the progress made on Sunday night, the strike threat still stood and plans were going ahead to bring the economy to a total standstill today.

Meanwhile, anticipating growing pressure to cut the huge defence budget, the commander of the Israeli Air Force, Major-General Amos Lapidot, said on Sunday that budget restrictions had already led to the grounding of aircraft and pilots.

He told Israeli defence correspondents that the cuts made already in the defence budget were "painful, have affected our strength and, in the long run, could lead to a weakened Air Force with lowered standards".

## Iata insists Athens airport safe

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Mr Rodney Wallis, head of security for the International Air Transport Association (Iata), described Athens airport yesterday as one of the best guarded airports in the world.

He told a press conference in Athens that, by remedying weaknesses discovered after the hijacking of the TWA airliner on June 14, the Greek Government had established security standards at the airport on a par with those set by the International Civil Aviation Organization. "In some cases," he added, "they even exceed them."

Mr Wallis came last week to deliver to the Greek authorities a report with the findings of the Iata survey team after an inspection of Athens airport, as well as its recommendations.

Asked if, in the light of these findings, he considered that the United States Government should revoke its "travel advisory" urging American citizens to avoid Athens airport, Mr Wallis said he saw "no practical reason for retaining the advisory".

The United States has said it would consider rescinding the warning only after the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) had established that security measures agreed between Washington and Athens were under way.

## Troops rob civilians in Kampala

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Civilians fled from the centre of Kampala on Sunday when gunfire echoed round the city for the second time this month. Armed troops guarded strategic buildings in the city centre and others set up roadblocks in several areas, holding up and robbing civilians of money, clothing and valuables.

No government statement has been made on the situation and opposition politicians have called on President Obote to order a full inquiry. They say they are not satisfied with the explanation that gunfire is a result of a mistake of timing during army movements.

At least one man, Upanda's acting boxing coach, Mr Fred Giza, was shot dead on Sunday. Motorists who ran into army roadblocks faced demands for large "ransoms" - up to 150,000 shillings (£200) in at least one case.

Unofficial reports say there has been tension between different tribal groups in the Army, made worse by heavy casualties in recent clashes.

Member of the Acholi tribe, traditionally the backbone of the Army, complain that they have taken an unduly high proportion of the casualties in these clashes, and say soldiers from other tribes, too, should be sent to face the guerrilla ambushes.

## US police face wait for sex-torture suspect

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

Detectives investigating the deaths of at least 11 people in the north Californian mountain community of Calaveras County admit it may be months before ex-marine Charles Ng, being held by Canadian police, can be returned to face murder charges.

Over the weekend California judge Douglas Mewhinney signed a first-degree murder warrant accusing Mr Ng, aged 24, of the sex-torture murder of two young women, who are among about 22 people whose disappearance has been linked with Mr Ng and survivor Leonard Lake. Mr Ng was arrested in Calgary about a week ago.

Videotapes found some 150 miles east of San Francisco allegedly showed Mr Ng threatening a young woman with a knife.

Yesterday detectives were preparing to search for more evidence. So far 11 bodies have been discovered along with blood-stained weapons and videotapes showing people being tortured. Police believe their discoveries may provide stronger links between activities that took place in the cabin and Lake, who died after swallowing a poison pill while being held by police.

So far there has been no indication whether the authorities will try to extradite Mr Ng to face charges.

## Right-wing Turks oust party chief

From Rasit Gurdilek, Ankara

With the defeat of Mr Turgut Sunalp, leader of the centre-right opposition Nationalist Democracy Party at its first national congress, Turkey's post-coup political structure, designed by former military rulers - received the final blow.

Mr Sunalp, an ex-general reputed to have had the backing of President Kenan Evren before the general election of November, 1983, was blamed for the party's humiliating defeat, repeated in local polls four months later.

In the election for chairman of the party held at the weekend, he got 189 votes against 425 for Mr Utku Soylomezoglu, the ex-secretary-general reputed to be close to Mr Suleyman Demirel, the former conservative Prime Minister banned from politics for 10 years by the military regime.

Mr Sunalp was the second leader hand-picked for a role in the post-coup political set-up to be replaced within a fortnight. Mr Necdet Calp, elderly leader of the centre-left Populist Party, was ousted during its congress, to be replaced by Mr Aydin Guven Gurkan, a radical who hardly veiled his affinity with the Democratic Left Party being formed by supporters of Mr Bulent Ecevit, a former Social Democrat Prime Minister also placed under a 10-year ban.

Mr Gurkan's efforts to unite the left were, however, rebuffed by Mr Ecevit, a leading figure in the new party. Observers expected a similar snub for the Nationalist Democrats, even after the change of leadership, from the extra-parliamentary True Path Party, which considers Mr Demirel to be the true leader of the right.

## Korean accord reached on family visits

Panmunjom (Reuters) - North and South Korea agreed yesterday that the first exchange visits of family members separated by the 1950-53 Korean War should take place in September.

Red Cross delegates meeting at the border village of Panmunjom also agreed that 300 family members from each side should take part in the initial exchange but disagreement arose over the place for the visits and the size of accompanying art troupes.

South Korea has accepted North Korea's proposal to exchange visits by traditional Korean folk art troupes to commemorate the first exchange of visits by separated families.

## Community terms upset Canary Island farmers

From Richard Wigg, Las Palmas, Canaries

The Canary Islands, historically linked with Europe, fear that the EEC entry terms negotiated by Spain may paradoxically thrust them farther away from Europe.

An outcry over the entry terms led to the collapse last month of the islands' autonomous regional government. This week a fresh attempt to form a government is being made by Señor Jerónimo Saavedra, the outgoing Socialist Chief Minister.

"Sixty per cent of our £2 million turnover is in chrysanthemums, over half of which we are exporting this year to the Netherlands and Britain," the English sales manager of one of Gran Canaria's biggest cut-flower producers told me. "The extraordinary thing," he went on, "is that with Spain's entering the European Community we shall have to consider exporting more of our flowers to the United States or the Middle East."

It was the British who first introduced growing on a commercial scale to the Canaries. As with cut flowers, EEC entry terms from January next year, threaten to accelerate the supplanting of the Canary Islands growers by mainland Spanish tomato producers.

From 1990 Canarian producers of tomatoes, peppers, aubergines and courgettes will even face impediments to selling them on Spanish mainland markets.

The reason for all this is the EEC common agricultural policy and customs union, from which the Canary Islands, unlike mainland Spain, decided to opt out. As a result the islands' fruit, vegetables and flowers will be subject to production quotas and to the EEC reference prices.

The decision to opt out came in a struggle between economic lobbies, when the islanders' importers won over the producers of cash crops.

The Canaries rejected full integration because an estimated 20 per cent rise in the cost of living from next January would have been politically impossible and would have brought about the collapse of the island's fragile economy. Mainland Spain will be contributing the Canaries' share of Value Added Tax, which will not be levied in the islands.

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### Bottling up Madeira

Shadow chancellor Roy Hattersley only agreed to appear on last Friday's *A Week in Politics* programme on Channel 4 on the condition that no reference was made to his disclosure of his winter trip to Madeira last year, made at the expense of merchant bankers Ansbacher. This so enraged members of the broadcasting union ACCT that they have passed a resolution to the effect that if interviewers lay down such conditions, the viewing public should be told. Some days before the programme, Hattersley's office told producer Anne Lapping that as the trip was a matter for his lawyers (he has issued a libel writ against *The Times*), it would be unfair to ask him about it as he would be unable to comment. Because Lapping felt the trip was not central to Peter Jay's interview (on Labour's economic policies), she finally gave Hattersley the assurance he was seeking, after consulting colleagues, thereby triggering the staff's angry reaction.

For the benefit of my readers I ought to explain that Hattersley is not disputing that he had a free trip to Madeira. What he objects to is my use of the expression "Cayman-style tax haven" to describe the Madeira Freezone on which he was advising. Hattersley and the socialist government of Portugal was this as the best way of developing the island's economy. While this is undoubtedly true, multinationals may see it in another light.

### Straw brickbat

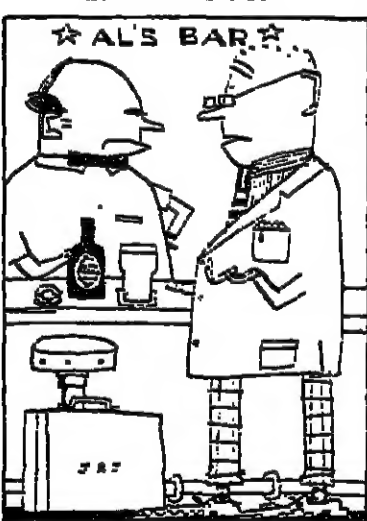
The haranguing which Labour's frontbench spokesman Jack Straw intends to give local government minister Kenneth Baker in today's rates support grant debate is likely to get personal. What Straw doesn't know is that while he was preparing his speech last night Baker was signing away a £1.5 million government grant for a "business park" in Straw's constituency of Blackburn. Nice one, Baker.

● Pickfords Travel can keep their comforting words. They have just sent me tickets wishing me well on my "Fly-Dive" holiday.

### Race winner

Strange goings-on in the Commons early yesterday. Liberal Clement Freud installed himself outside the table office at 6.10am and began dictating letters to his secretary. At 6.22, 7.45 and 9.30am respectively, Alf Dubs, Michael Cocks and Roy Hattersley all arrived, saw him, and skulked away. Why? Because whoever was first in the queue when the office opened at 10 secured for his party the right to lead the opposition to the government's much-criticized changes in the immigration rules during next week's Commons debate. And immigration rules are the one subject on which the government has lost a vote in the Commons since it came to power.

BARRY FANTONI



### Neat

Although Labour front bench spokesman Gwyneth Dunwoody is being paid an annual £4,000 retainer as a consultant by the British Fur Trade Association - to the chagrin of animal rights activists - the Crews and Nantwich MP would seemingly like us to think she is a sensitive flower. Along with a local councillor, officials of a local church and a member of the public, Mrs Dunwoody has reported the Vindar Vodka distillery in Warrington to the Advertising Standards Authority on behalf of some of her constituents. It seems they have been offended by a poster outside the distillery which depicts a triangular red traffic sign and microphone beside the words "Russian buggers at work in Warrington". In its ruling, to be issued today, the Authority accepts the message was simply to underline the subterfuge employed by the Russians to get the Warrington vodka recipe, and rejected the claim that the poster broke the advertising code.

### Taken on truss

Miles Davis definitely will not hold up proceedings when he gives the last of this week's JVC Capital Jazz Parade concerts at the Festival Hall on Saturday. Last year he cost Capital Radio a small fortune in overtime payments by losing his truss and being unable to start until

## Three steps to end council chaos

by Roger Liddle

Kenneth Baker was quick to claim a victory when Lambeth Council finally set a rate earlier this month. But a victory for what? Certainly the decision was a welcome victory for parliamentary democracy and the rule of law, and essential to prevent collapse of Lambeth's services. But hardly a triumph for Baker's ratecapping legislation.

Ratecapping will reduce some rate bills this year. But the Treasury imagined they were legislating to bring council spending under firmer control, not for a giveaway to ratepayers. Ratecapping looks like a total failure as an instrument of public expenditure control. The original spending limit announced last autumn for Lambeth was £113.5 million; the spending figure we eventually agreed amid the fisticuffs was £126.5 million. In what sense is a 12 per cent increase in spending a victory for ratecapping? Hasn't this pattern been repeated in all the ratecapped boroughs?

This large increase in spending can only be financed by one-off expedients. In Lambeth the council's reserves, creative accounting, and last year's underspend have all been thrown into the pot. But next financial year Lambeth will go bankrupt unless the Government either substantially raises the rate limit or forks out millions more in grants. We can be sure no action will be taken by Lambeth to avert catastrophe.

The district auditor has just begun "surcharge" proceedings against the council to recover losses for "wilful misconduct" caused by delay in setting a rate. We are told

these proceedings will last 18 months or longer. Eventually Ted Knight, the council leader, and his colleagues face disqualification and possible bankruptcy. But in the meantime they have no incentive to behave responsibly. They will make the most of it.

A "ratecapping awareness campaign" has already been launched from a newly established operations room in Lambeth Town Hall, as much concerned with rallying the left against Neil Kinnock as with winning wider public backing. Town Hall union activists have been given full-time secondment in Knight's office and Labour councillors will address meetings up and down the country at public expense.

Lambeth will advance further towards its bastardized vision of workers' control. Already the council's finances are controlled by a committee which meets in secret on which the unions are represented, but opposition councillors are not. The council's chief officers have been pushed aside. There will be no properly agreed budget, no effective financial controls and monitoring. It will be Ted Knight and the unions who decide who is recruited for what job and which jobs are done.

My primary concern is that the essential services of the council, on which thousands of desperately poor people in Lambeth depend, will slide further into chaos. In the great two-party battle over ratecapping, who cares a damn for them?

I recommend three lines of action to Mr Baker. First, speedier means of legal redress must be provided against councillors

"wilful misconduct". Why cannot Parliament legislate to give individual ratepayers a right of quick legal challenge to "ultra vires" council decisions as well as help with legal costs where the case is independently judged to be of major public interest?

Secondly, ratecapping has given us no answers to the central dilemma of how to provide the better, genuinely accountable services the inner city needs without throwing money into the bottomless pit of Labour-union mismanagement. Fundamental rethinking of local government's role is required. Why not hand council estates to tenants, old people's homes to the voluntary sector, and see support services provided by competing co-operatives of former council employees? If we could turn councils into financiers of services, rather than direct providers, the case for greater funding to tackle inner city deprivation could be made far more powerfully.

Thirdly, the Cabinet must reopen the question of local government electoral reform. Ted Knight's claims to democratic legitimacy are weak. In the 1982 borough elections Labour won half the seats on Lambeth Council with only a third of the votes. The arguments are quite different to those for proportional representation for Westminster elections, even though I personally support both.

Ratecapping has failed to curb extremism and irresponsibility in local government. Why not give "fair votes" a try?

The author is leader of Alliance councillors in the London Borough of Lambeth.

### After the elections, John Carlin meets a defector from the ruling party's poll-rigging squad



Ballot papers are taken in for counting - but who could say if they were genuine?

## Mexican magic that guarantees a landslide

nations witnessed by reporters cannot have accounted for all the discrepancies between the expected and the final official results, between the votes counted by the opposition at the close of polling and the figures put out by the official electoral commissions.

One example among many: at Tamazula, in Jalisco state, a Workers' Party (PMT) watcher counted, together with other party members, 10,000 ballots in his party's favour. The local electoral commission later announced the PMT had won 150 votes. Such magical transformations of votes are expressed in a reflex euphemistic term in Mexico: "alchemy".

The mysteries of this electoral alchemy were revealed in a secret interview with myself and a *Financial Times* correspondent, by a PRI defector. For safety's sake, I will call him Dionisio.

Dionisio said he belonged to a highly professional and, by his own

"the laboratory", which might be a ranch or a private house.

At "the laboratory", professional handwriters covertly forge the signatures on to an exact copy of a document to be signed by the polling station officials at the close of voting, once they have counted and agreed on the result.

A false, perfectly forged document is then prepared on which voting figures favourable to the PRI are written in. Ballot papers are falsified to correspond with these figures and what Dionisio called "an electoral package" is put together, signed, sealed and wrapped in exactly the way the real electoral package will later be assembled at the polling station.

When polling ends, a member of the Operation Nino team again drives to the polling station with the false electoral package under the seat of his car. He shows his electoral commission credentials and asks for the real electoral package to be given to him to take to the commission's office. He quells misgivings any opposition poll-watchers may have by inviting them to sit in the car with him so they can see he does indeed go straight to the electoral commission.

Then, once inside the car, the packages are switched. When he arrives at the electoral commission he hands in what appears to be exactly the same material he received at the polling station, signed by the same people, and beyond legal reproach.

The same technique has been repeated on innumerable occasions, according to Dionisio. Asked who ran Operation Nino, he replied that it was the Interior Ministry and the PRI headquarters in Mexico City which - and he said it as if stating the obvious - were one and the same.

Dionisio said Operation Nino members received special emblems to wear under their collars on election day. With these they identify themselves in case of difficulties with the army or police. At one election he was stopped by 10 soldiers for carrying a gun but was released immediately after their his emblem.

During this year's electoral campaign the PRI's national president, working on the oft-stated premise that "the PRI never fails", declared that the party's national responsibility and fundamental objective is to retain power permanently.

Asked about the fraud allegations, a senior official of the PRI's national executive council said in Sonora last week: "Categorically, I can state that in Sonora there was no instance of that ugly word which I find it inconvenient to pronounce... that malevolent occurrence did not take place. It was a democratic fiesta, a clean process which would stand up to any test under any circumstances. In Sonora and in Mexico the people won with their democracy."

Opposition parties, and a possible majority of those who voted as well as those 20 millions - 50 per cent of registered voters - who did not vote, are far from convinced they have just witnessed a democratic fiesta. Not for the first time, the PRI has again imposed itself. As the opposition is saying, Mexico's rulers have made a mockery of their people.

## Britain through an eastern looking glass

Tokyo. Sometimes it seems the only foreign country that exists in the Japanese mind is the United States.

It all seems to have begun when the Japanese discovered that America could produce seemingly unlimited quantities of rice, although Commodore Perry's threatening black ships may also have had something to do with it. But every now and then a surprisingly strong strand of interest in English culture appears beneath the layers of American mass cultural veneer.

Nowadays there is quite a number of young Japanese studying English nursery rhymes for their BA degrees. One introduction to English nursery rhymes, *The Song of Mother Goose*, has sold about one million copies and more students and intellectuals than ever are reading Lewis Carroll and Edward Lear.

A lot of it has to do with a self-

Japanese. I think we are next only to the English in having the very best of nursery rhymes so we understand and appreciate them. Beckett the absurdist and Carroll the nonsense writer have brought to Japanese readers a tradition of humour completely lacking in French literature, which at one time enjoyed a great vogue in Japan. Less easy to explain is the success of Takahashi's *Lazar* translations, which have appeared in illustrated editions. He has also put two volumes of Samuel Beckett's plays in Japanese print and is working on a third.

Professor Takahashi has been to Britain only once, in 1962. It was then that he saw his first production of Beckett. He returned to Japan, wrote an essay about him and went on to translate all of his plays. This stimulated him to translate Carroll.

For his more advanced English

well", says Takahashi. "Pinter's plays are full of ambiguities and some elements of that are cultural, so they need some background explanation, but most of it can be clarified linguistically. The students are surprisingly capable of identifying with the characters."

Modern American male authors predominate as choices for research for most male students but modern English novelists are often chosen by women for their theses. D. H. Lawrence is popular because he has an emotional appeal, even to non-English readers, whereas E. M. Forster "seems to strike students as a bit too English". Takahashi hopes David Lean's film of *A Passage to India* might change that.

Emily Brontë remains the first choice for most women but the more sophisticated choose Virginia Woolf and some Jane Austen. Feminist writers will be the next wave, Japan.

professor at either London or Oxford. The thought of shipping literary coats to Newcastle makes his normal modesty devolve into something closer to fear. He has lectured on English literature in the West before, but that was in Toronto.

Japan has had what it calls a "Shakespeare boom" since the early 1970s. NHK Television, the Japanese equivalent of the BBC, shows the BBC Shakespeare series at intervals and the film director Akira Kurosawa spent the last 10 years in the creation of his master-work, an adaptation of *Macbeth* to Japan's era of feudal warfare families. In a more popular vein the alternative prime time Saturday night slot is filled by Sherlock Holmes.

English literature and its descendants, both legitimate and illegitimate, are known principally through sub-cultural streams which

## Digby Anderson Better unsaid than Red

An open letter to the acting general secretary of the National Council for Civil Liberties:

I have a problem which concerns freedom of publication and civil liberties and wonder if you can help me. The problem, is not new but is highlighted by several recent events, especially the split in the Communist Party of Great Britain, the accusation that Oxford University Press has allowed Soviet censorship of political definitions in special editions sold in Russia, and the subsequent Soviet counter-accusations that western dictionaries "manipulate meanings" of terms such as communism, socialism and Bolshevism. It is surely time that a long-standing confusion about such words was ended in the interest of all involved in political education and journalism.

Consider first the events in the CPGB. Martin Linton, writing in *The Guardian* recently about the Communist Party's expulsion of the editor of the *Morning Star* and "40 comrades" speculates about the future of these "communists of the old school", these "hardline factions" including "Leninists and out-and-out Stalinists". Few, he thinks, will join fringe Marxist groups or start a new party; "the rest will probably seek membership of the Labour Party". Apparently some "hardliners" are already members of the Labour Party but their "politics differ little" from hardliners in the Communist Party.

If former "hardline" members of the Communist Party, "Leninists and out-and-out Stalinists" do join the Labour Party, but do not renounce their hardline Leninism and Stalinism, may I, may anyone, legitimately continue to refer to them as communists?

Another puzzle: may those expelled or suspended be referred to as "communists" now that some have issued a statement that "no one can expel us from communism. We are communists and will always be communists". May others repeat the definition they themselves embrace so heartily, to the point of martyrdom?

And if it is fair to call them communists on the grounds that their beliefs have not changed, what of others who hold the same beliefs but do not refer to themselves as communists? I have many friends who have amassed vast files of research listing public figures in the trades unions, academe, journalism and the various political parties who have expressed views on some occasions and for some audiences which are, in Linton's words, "little different from hardliners in the Communist Party". They variously believe in the necessity of class struggle, extra-parliamentary action, defiance of the law when it is "obscure", the "transformation" of the state, making the police, armed forces and the judiciary serve "democratic" proletarian interests rather than a claimed independence, and adopting any measure necessary to make irreversible the shift to "workers' power", which used to be called the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Apparently, on other occasions these people are more reticent about their views. Some of my friends

have come up with a bright and educational idea: wouldn't a wider audience like to know about these chaps who express "communist" beliefs? There is no suggestion that these "communists" are agents of a foreign power to simply be to list them with their views documented from already published sources under a suggested title "A Directory of Communists in British Public Life". Could this title be used without fear of stirring up actions for defamation?

The argument is that communism is a set of beliefs, not a party affiliation, and that while most members of the Communist Party hold those beliefs (some of the hardliners might disagree), so do others who do not choose to join the Communist Party of Great Britain. The latter would include many of the Trotskyist groups (Trotsky referred to himself as a communist) and individuals in other parties. A great deal of confusion is caused by terms such as soft, hard, ultra, moderate and extreme left and a reform of terminology might clarify academic and journalistic description and analysis.

It is suggested that "communist" should be used rather as "Christian" is used - a categorization which widely differing Christians do not dispute - and that the word "communist" covers members of many, as it were, churches, of which the CPGB is but one.

I know little about such matters. I am a humanist-in-a-blower, not a political scientist or a lawyer, but the proposal seems to me a commonsensical work of clarification. My educational friends do not wish to compel anyone to use their classification: they are only making a modest proposal for a terminology that covers the facts. And I assumed that those the cap fits would be proud to have the benefits they so accurately, indeed, competitively, support displayed to a wider audience.

I have to tell you, however, that another school of thought believes that to call a chap a communist when he wasn't a member of one particular communist party, even if he held and had expressed views identical to those of members of that party, even if he wore a medalion of Uncle Joe round his neck, would be libellous.

It's all very perplexing to this ordinary man-in-a-blower. It seems one can call chaps like me, who are not members of the Conservative Party (or any other) conservatives and use "socialist" and "liberal" in a similarly relaxed way. Only "communists" seem to be protected by this interpretation of the law - and perhaps it does not "protect". I assume they want their beliefs known.

I am sorry to write such a long letter but know that with your commitment to information and civil liberties you will appreciate why I should be concerned. Could you tell me which interpretation of the law is correct and whether the NCCL is satisfied with it? The matter may be urgent: my friends are looking for a publisher.

The author is director of the Social Affairs Unit.

moreover... Miles Kingston

## There's no chord like an old chord

We seem to be in the middle of a golden age of off-beat dictionaries. In the last year alone I have bought and enjoyed a thesaurus of euphemisms, a guide to euphemisms, a lexicon for cynics and a handbook of French slang. But the one which has given me most pleasure has been Lionel Grigson's *A Jazz Chord Book*, a weird and wonderful collection of 350 songs from "Bye Bye Blackbird" to "You Don't Know What Love Is".

I suppose the average passer-by who glances inside the book would be puzzled by the contents and might not even recognize it as a song book at all. After all, there are two vital ingredients in every song, the melody and the words. In Grigson's book you will not find any hint of a tune from any of the songs, nor any clue as to the words, apart from what is contained in the title.

Actually, the title is as close as I care to get with many songs. I have got to know a lot of songs from jazz records, such as "You Took Advantage of Me", "I Didn't Know What Time It Was", "It Might as Well Be Spring", evocative titles all.

It came as a great shock to find, years later, that the lyrics were so banal, and that I was well advised just to stick to the title. One of the maddening things about jazz is that many of the tunes which jazz musicians have come to enjoy playing most have the most wince-inducing lyrics; nothing makes the heart sink faster during a performance of "Honeysuckle Rose", "Satin Doll" or "The Sunny Side of the Street" than the sight of the leader grabbing a microphone and trying to bring the dead words back to life.

So you can easily do without the words in jazz, but the melody? Just as easily. When it is discovered that a member of a jazz group doesn't know a song (which the group is about to play in 45 seconds), it's not the tune which is hastily hissed at him across the band-stand, it's the chord sequence. The chain of harmonies which make up the DNA pattern of each tune, if you should ever overhear one player say to another "It's basically 'I Got

Grigson's book is a treasure house of these chord sequences, arranged in neat grids like semaphore signals and accompanied by a list of the words which have solved for years, worrying about for years. That opening chord of "Night and Day", for example, which I could never quite get by ear, it's B major 7. Or what happened in the opening bars of "Darn That Dream", or where "My Funny Valentine" ends up, having got those things sorted out, I've been sitting at the piano trying out songs I've never even heard of. I did a passable version of something called "For Heaven's Sake" the other day, and I still haven't the faintest idea what the tune is.

The great thing about all this - well, from Grigson's point of view, anyway - is that words and melody may be copyright, but nobody has ever tried to copyright a chord sequence. If you get up in public and sing "Night and Day", you have to pay Cole Porter's estate a little something. If you get up and improvise on it, and don't mention the title, you pay nobody anything.

That's one of the reasons that jazz musicians over the years have written their own tunes to established chord sequences - if you use Cole Porter's chords and your own tune, you get all the money. You don't have to write a very good tune; in fact, thousands of the most boring tunes written this century were done by jazzmen on top of someone else's chords.

Another thing one can't help noticing from Grigson's book is how very few tunes from showbiz are coming into jazz these days - almost no songs from the last 20 years, only homebrewed jazz compositions. Jazz players being good judges of these things it seems to mean that they really don't write them like that any more.

Anyway, readers interested in this 15th century concert should loose off a cheque for £12.95 to 29 Cecil Park, Pinner, Middlesex. Eighteenth century? Well, of course - it's virtually the same as figured bass: "the shorthand of harmony, a mere bass line with figures under each

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Sometime this week the first constitutionally elected government of the "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus" will be sworn in. Its first business will be to consider the latest draft agreement for a settlement of the Cyprus problem submitted by the UN Secretary-General, Mr Rauf Denktas, the president of the new republic (which is so far recognized only by Turkey), has had the draft since April 12 but has so far not formally replied to it, although he has to consider it with the new government once formed. Unofficially he has voiced various objections and it seems clear that he will not be willing to sign it without amendment or, at very least, extensive clarification.

Both drafts state that "the federal republic of Cyprus shall have international personality", but the Turkish Cypriot view of the manner may be affected by the identity of the foreign minister. Mr Denktas says that he agreed in New York to abandon his claim for a rotating presidency only on the understanding that the foreign minister should always be a Turkish Cypriot. This understanding was not, however, included in the

Britain undertook to support the American proposal provided that other nations did. The government must have known enough about its European partners to calculate that such an undertaking could be safely given and just as safely lost in the tergiversations of the French (who own 28% of Middle East Airlines), the Germans (who say they would need three months notice by which time would it really be worth while?) and industry other administrative minutiae which look pathetically out of proportion when set against the violence of Beirut.

Somebody has to start somewhere by recognising that the terrorist against organised international terrorism will not be won with reference to bureaucratic niceties. There will always be arguments against doing

of the Soviet Union beyond saying that Moscow has close ties with these terrorist states. However the underlying implication of this affinity is clear. It is certainly clarified by recent pioneering research into patterns of international terrorism carried out in California by Dr. Avigdor Hazekorn, whose work is now receiving attention in American security circles.

Dr. Hazekorn's studies vividly reveal the affinity between the terrorist states' strategy to expel American influence from their areas and Moscow's long-term desire to do the same. Currently Moscow's strategic purpose coincides with the terrorist strategy and the mechanism by which Moscow exploits this affinity can be traced through a complex but consistent pattern of high-level visits, dating neighbours such as Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states who would all prefer a close relationship with Washington.

It is always more comfortable, and intellectually easier, to write-off such speculations as paranoid projections undeserving of further study. The evidence, once somebody has taken the trouble to collate it fully, suggests otherwise. President Reagan made a start with his speech last week, which should now be followed up with much more of the available detail. Some people will never be convinced that terrorism is a novel and global threat to our way of life. However, others, given the evidence, might start to concede that such an extraordinary threat deserves an extraordinary response.

As an indication of this Government's commitment to the NHS, Mr Condon refers to the 39,000 increase in nursing staff in the three-year period between 1978 and 1982, and points out that at least half of this increase in manpower was necessary to provide the additional cover required when the nurses' working week was reduced from 40 to 37½ hours in 1980.

It is this selective use of facts and figures by Mr Condon that perhaps causes many patients and staff to find it impossible to identify the kind of improvements in the NHS that, at first sight, they would have expected to result from an "almost 20 per cent increase in expenditure on health since 1979".

Yours faithfully,  
**TREVOR CLAY,**  
 General Secretary,  
 Royal College of Nursing of the United Kingdom,  
 20 Cavendish Square, W1,  
 July 12.

Sir, As the author of the longest and heaviest volume on the subject now obtainable (*The Rise of Christianity*, W. H. C. Frend has a right to be heard on the subject of Christian origins. Nevertheless, his letter in your issue of July 4 invites a number of comments.

Circa AD 70, he tells us, there were at least four different understandings of the ministry current among Christians. He does not indicate how far these were fully developed and articulated or the respects in which they were mutually consistent and incompatible, although the position he goes on to state depends entirely upon this

...teach creeds or doctrines about his origins and nature. His final question to Simon Peter was not whether he believed in him, but whether he loved him (John 21:15f). He goes on to say that "It is on love that I base the doctrine of the diversity of understandings of scripture and liturgy that Christian unity may eventually be based". But does nothing which Jesus is recorded as having said or done imply that there must be a single origin and nature? And is every diversity of understanding acceptable?

Professor Fred's thousand pages show very plainly that the Christian Church has never thought so. Is he himself a complete closed library on anything except the authenticity of the last chapter of St John's Gospel?

## Axing the Civil Service

competent staff inspectors, backed  
 by senior management, can produce  
 significant savings. Second, that the  
 Civil Service Department's efforts to  
 secure proper standards of staff  
 inspection were much weakened by  
 its lack of authority to enforce those  
 standards.

If the situation has changed  
 during the seven years since I retired  
 there will indeed have been a  
 managerial revolution in the Civil  
 Service.

Yours faithfully,  
 A. F. SOMERVILLE,  
 The Old Rectory,  
 Under,  
 Wells.  
 Somerset.  
 July 13.

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## Youth training scheme

At the moment many places of high quality for disabled and disadvantaged young people are provided by voluntary organisations. This is a major investment of public money which compares very favourably with the cost of the MSC's proposals if such an outcome is to be avoided.

Yours faithfully,  
**BILL GRIFFITHS**, Director,  
National Council for Voluntary  
Organisations,  
26 Bedford Square, WC1.

It has been a great success:  
 a) There is much more room and the passage is not blocked;  
 b) It increases her security. A salesman or intruder can no longer stick his foot in the door and, if he is objectionable, she has only to give

diverting a multi-purpose garden  
rover. The blurb contained the  
invitation to "kiss your aching  
calf goodbye!"

Sir, when I can perform this feat, I  
will buy the trolley!

Yours faithfully,  
TIM BARRACLOUGH,  
Stratford Cottage,  
Fishhopestone Village,  
Nr Seaford,  
East Sussex.

Why do all builders and architects  
prescribe doors that will open  
inwards when the advantages of  
opening outwards are so manifest?

Yours sincerely,  
COLLIN CROWE,  
Pigeon House,  
Bibury,  
Gloucestershire.  
July 4.

investments (July 11) and many others who were concerned at the cost to borrowers of their borrowing need reminding that savers, who provide the money desired by the borrowers, are concerned that they receive a modest reward for lending their money.

The Savers' Union suggests that a reasonable reward to savers is just 2 per cent, net of standard-rate tax, above the rate of inflation.

In the year to last May inflation at 9 per cent would have required a 9 per cent net-of-tax return. Such an annual yield was not generally available. The Treasury, on behalf of the Government, has found a way round the difficulty: index-linked

pensates for the loss of value caused by inflation.

In the event that inflation again reaches the 20 per cent level of five years ago, the 3.54 per cent "real" yield on the latest index-linked national savings certificates will be equivalent to a gross yield of 33.6 per cent, assuming 30 per cent standard-rate tax. This would suggest a mortgage rate of over 30 per cent. Obviously, the fight against inflation must continue.

Yours faithfully,  
GEOFFREY PRICE, Hon. Director,  
The Savers' Union,  
3½ London Wall Buildings,  
London Wall, EC2,  
July 11.

In 1828 Miguel, the younger son of John VI of Portugal who had died in 1826, was appointed regent. In July 1832 an opposition party of liberals led by Miguel's elder brother, Pedro, disembarked at Oporto. Initially the country supported Miguel but enthusiasm for him waned and he was deposed in 1834 and exiled; his brother died in September of that year.

arrived this morning from Lisbon, via despatches from the squadron, which place she left on the evening of the 9th inst. and at midnight of the 10th left with Don Pedro's squadron being accompanied by the *San Carlos* and officers from the *Donna Maria* frigate boarded the *Firbrand*, which he brought the following intelligence:

On Sunday evening, the 8th inst. Don Pedro arrived at Oporto, and started to off the bar, and on the following morning he was informed of the capture and good order, and without the slightest opposition, at the village of Metinhos, on the north side of the Douro. His force is said to consist of 1,000 men, and of 100 horses, and the same number French. Some of Miguel's cavalry were seen approaching, but did not come near enough to fire, and suddenly wheeled round and retreated. He then proceeded to Oporto, which place was abandoned by the Government troops of Miguel, and the police who looted over the bridge, across the

Miguel's troops, having partly destroyed the bridge, which was formed of boats, after they had crossed over, considerably annoyed Pedro's force throughout Monday, when it was resolved to attempt a landing at Vila Nova by the small vessels, and 3,000 men were landed under the cover of the guns of the steamers, who plied in the down draught of water. The Miguelists troops again fled into the interior after

It is said that one of Miguel's regiments of the line then almost simultaneously shouted and threw up the scraps for Donna Maria, but were immediately hemmed in by the other troops, and nearly cut to pieces. It is expected that Don Pedro, being in possession of Oporto, the inhabitants will voluntarily arm themselves and espouse his cause. It is also stated that in Lisbon and many other parts of Portugal, particularly in Coimbra, very many will join Don Pedro, who is now about to leave for Buller's camp for Lisbon.

**Firebrand, Saturday Morning**  
Being aware that you will be anxious to receive the latest information of the events in Portugal, I do myself the pleasure of communicating to you the

On the instant of our leaving Lisbon on the night of the 17th [sic] instant, I received information that a telegraphic despatch had announced the landing of Don Pedro's forces, and the occupation of Oporto. Being aware of the importance of conveying to England positive intelligence on this subject, I determined to visit the place, if possible. I was so fortunate, that on the 10th, as so full in the

I learnt from the *Stag* frigate a very detailed of the operations up to the evening. The forces of Don Pedro, anchored near Oporto on the 10th, without opposition at the small town of Mazozinhos, three miles north of the city. On the following day the 11th, the invading army, amounting to about 500 men, moved towards the city, while

They entered; the Governor, garrison and magistrates, with the police, and having evacuated the place, withdrew across the Douro to Vila Nova, and destroyed the bridge of boats. Thereafter they kept up a fire on all persons appearing in those streets of Oporto, in which their posture enflamed, and many were killed. The *Superb* steamer and three schooners were got over the water, and succeeded on the 10th after.

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prepared to go so on our way

portunity offering; and one of the regiments having prematurely declared their sentiments were immediately ordered upon by other regiments of their own troops, and suffered much loss under circumstances of this description. It was said to be going on among the retreating army, attended with much slaughter, but no body of men had been captured. Don Pedro. The Oporto volunteers were reported to be the most active in repelling the invaders. On the 24th, at 3 p.m., of the 10th, and at half-past 10, a.p.m., was observed from the *Pirbright* some firing, apparently at the back of Vilva Nova, which was supposed to be commencing with the rear-guard of the retreating forces of Don Miguel.

Mrs Buckley's useful Finnish phrase book offerings (July 8) remind me of my own two favorites. The first was in Portuguese when we were trying to find a phrasebook at the time of trains, and were assisted by: "Have you read much of the Russian lately?" And when learning English in 1960 from the excellent grammar written by Bishop Steere in English, I came across this perhaps more dated gem: "The angry European has killed the wicked American."

urs faithfully.  
TRICIA MADDOCKS,  
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m Dr John H. Greensmith

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## THE ARTS

## Galleries

## The complex behind the camera

## Image and Exploration Photographers' Gallery

## The Living Body/The Living Body - Bared

## Royal Photographic Society, Bath

## Howard Coster

## National Portrait Gallery

## Felix H. Man

## Museum of London

## Brunel's Kingdom

## Watershed, Bristol

## F. W. Troup, Architect Heinz

Obviously it is a bit late in the day to go on worrying away at the question of whether photography is an art form. Equally obviously, if we take for granted that it is, we are still left with the more complex and invidious task of deciding which photographers use the potential of the medium and actually succeed in producing works of art, not to mention what circumstances and conditions are best for the presentation of photography as art, and what other uses may be deemed legitimate. Indeed, with a form as protean as contemporary photography, one might well wonder if there is such a thing as a legitimate use.

Certainly the range of photographic exhibitions currently on show, or of exhibitions using photography, gives food for thought on all these points. We have shows which are explicitly about photography as an art form, like Image and Exploration at the Photographers' Gallery until September 1, or The Living Body - Bared, at the Royal Photographic Society, Bath, until August 10. We have shows where the art is held in balance with the inherent interest of the subject-matter, as appropriate to the specific venues, like the National

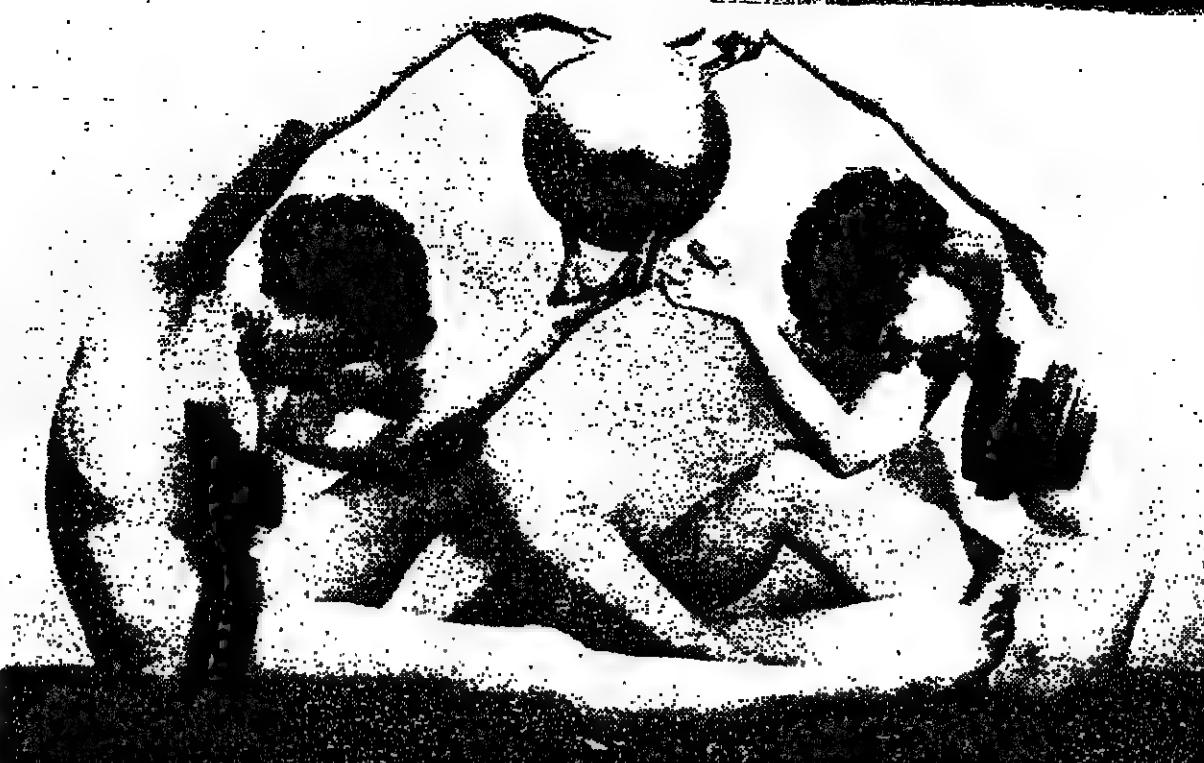
Portrait Gallery's Howard Coster (until September 8) or the Museum of London's Felix H. Man (until August 25).

We have a show which uses photography, with no denigration of its importance in its own right, as part of a complex and subtle presentation: the fascinating and undefinable Brunel's Kingdom, at the Watershed, Bristol, until July 27 (and then in Plymouth and Bradford), which in its own terms is about "Photography and the Making of History". And we have any number of shows, like The Living Body itself, at the Royal Photographic Society, Bath, until November 30, or, say, the show dedicated to the architect F. W. Troup at the Heinz Gallery until July 27, where photographs, though prominent, are used entirely, and effectively, for their value as record.

The most purely "artistic" showings of photography turn out to be the least convincing. Image and Exploration defines itself in a subtitle as "Some Directions in British Photography 1980-85", and is possibly saved by the "some". Many of the British photographs are technically admirable but somehow ordinary; too many suburban wastelands, too many patronizing views of old-age pensioners parrying or ethnic minorities looking glum. Even the most arresting work (of Michael Allott, for instance, or Berris Conolly) is often achieved largely by a trick of framing, so that one has to stop and "read" a picture of something which is in itself unremarkable.

The backward-looking shows are, individually, much less contentious. Felix H. Man is already well known, being surpassed perhaps only by Larigue in his professional longevity; not for nothing is his pictorial autobiography *Man with Camera*, which appeared two years ago, subtitled "Photographs from Seven Decades".

Howard Coster is a lot less known - by name, at least, for many of his portrait images are very familiar. The National Portrait Gallery show, accompanied by an attractive book, *Howard Coster's Celebrity Portraits* (Dover/Constable, £5.95), should bring the man himself to attention, and incidentally help to forward the long-overdue study of British photographers outside the documentary



Design for a Deco lamp suggested by Arthur Palmer's Decorative Arrangement

tradition in the Twenties and Thirties. Clearly Coster was an acute judge of character, and liked to emphasize the forceful side of his sitters' nature - sometimes, in his gallery of firm ladies, one suspects almost to the point of discreet sending-up. He generally makes minimal use of props - everything is in the face - but when he puts together a conversational piece, in the manner of an inter-war Zoffany, as with his pictures of Islerwood and Auden, or the assembled Lehmans, the whole feeling of literary life at the time is there.

The historical show of nude photography in Bath is, as the title suggests, an afterthought or appendix to Kodak's *The Living Body* exhibition, based on the television series and a sort of multi-media experience in which still photography plays its role alongside film, video and graphics, animated and otherwise, in showing (to a mixed and often juvenile audience) the workings of the human body. *The Living Body - Bared* is entirely concerned with photography, and takes us through from Maybridge and before, right up to date in the history of the camera's

long-standing interest in unadorned human flesh.

It is particularly revealing as an object-lesson in the way the camera records not so much what is in front of it as how the photographer feels about his subject. Rudolf Koppitz's *Bewegungsstudie* of c.1930 quite naturally suggests a design for a Deco lamp, for exactly the same reason, and Palmer, incidentally, is one of a number of undeservedly unfamiliar British photographers to figure creditably in the show. More room, clearly, for research.

Photographs are at the least very useful, and often essential, to architectural exhibitions like the Troup show, which chronicles the fairly obscure career of a turn-of-the-century British architect who followed his workday practice in the shadow of many greater and more famous. After all, you can hardly bring the buildings themselves to bear witness. But any thought that photography

might serve a similar function in *Brunel's Kingdom* is immediately dispelled by the show itself, which manages miraculously to keep several quarries in range at the same time.

It is not exactly about Brunel, nor exactly about the aesthetics of photography, nor yet about Victorian social history, and yet in a way it is about all of them. As its deviser Rob Powell points out, photography is by definition a producer of images, mental as well as physical. And our mental images, especially retrospective, are as surely defined by what is not photographed as by what is. The absence of the navies who actually made the great Victorian achievements in building and engineering is an important factor in our overall image of the era. So is the precise iconography of the famous full-length portrait of Brunel against the great chains on the checking drum of the Great Eastern - not the least telling part of the show is its demonstration of how this specific image was chosen from many taken at the same time. It is a show to feast the eye, but also to make one think and think again.

John Russell Taylor

## Television

## ... and into the fire?

End of Empire (Channel 4) itself came to an end with an account of Rhodesia; this series has been attacked for adopting too anti-imperialist or anti-British a stance, so it was perhaps unfortunate that it should reach its climax with the account of a new "democracy", rising from the ashes of empire, which seems steadily to be turning into a brutal dictatorship.

But the programme itself remained studiously neutral; although it seemed clear enough that white rule had been unjust, and that Ian Smith's declaration of UDI had been a mistake, it was also quite apparent by the end that the leadership of Mr Mugabe posed severe dangers of its own. Certainly it would take a very optimistic person indeed to declare the results of the Lancaster House negotiations a success, which in turn suggests that the "end of empire" may not always or necessarily be an advantage even for those who are ostensibly colonized.

And in fact this was the one theme which the series might have explored in more detail; inevitably it has concentrated

upon the hypocrisy or weakness of the British in their colonial role, but as a result it has tended to minimize the more egregious vices of those who have opposed them.

The Art of Persuasion (Channel 4) concluded what has been a fascinating series with an account of the "creative processes" involved in advertising. Those involved in the industry were unable to agree about the aesthetic status of their work, which in itself suggests that it is a most ambiguous activity; it is certainly true that advertisements borrow images from more orthodox pictorial art, just as certain contemporary artists employ the imagery of advertising for their own purposes, but if rhetoric can be separated from literature so can advertising be separated from art, and, as one executive pointed out, advertising is essentially a parasitic activity in the sense that it must eschew innovation or experiment in order to appeal to the already existing responses of an audience.

Peter Ackroyd

## Rock

## Nick Lowe and his Cowboy Outfit

## Hammersmith Palais

Old pub-rockers never die, but most of them have played with Nick Lowe at some time. The current line-up, settled now for about 18 months, is comprised of a stolid bunch of hardy perennials who have put in many years ploughing the stony ground of the chart hinterlands. Between them, Paul Carrack (Ace), Martin Belmont (Ducks Deluxe, the Rumour) and Bobby Irwin (Sinceros) have seen many hopes raised and dashed and travelled many a mile of motorway, while Lowe himself has enjoyed patchy prominence for a decade at least as producer, solo artist and collaborator with Dave Edmunds.

In performance this stockpile of experience proved a double-edged sword. The calm assurance and lack of pretension in their delivery were both refreshing and appropriate. Lowe, playing bass and singing most of the lead, looked ever more the ageing Nashville star. He sang with gentle, accurate ease, in a

manner which suggested that, although things were tough once, times are easier now. The reflective mood of songs like "I Threw Away the Rose" and "Rose of England" was, appropriately enough, rose-tinted.

Paul Carrack, at the piano and organ, also sang with capable accord, and the set included an imaginative reading of his composition "How Long". Ace's sole hit, Bobby Irwin on drums contributed to the exquisite three-part harmonies of John Hiatt's (unrecorded) "She Don't Love Nobody", and Martin Belmont added lashings of deft guitar, notably on "How Long". However, the lack of projection which ensued from the friendly nonchalance of their approach marred the gig as a whole, and the audience, perhaps suffering from Live Aid fatigue, reacted affectionally but with diminished energy.

Lowe's band required a greater sense of urgency, and in this they could look to the example of the Beat Farmers, who played a support set to their customary excellent standard.

David Sinclair

## Concerts

## Orchestra of St John's/Lubbock

## Cheltenham Town Hall

The morbid preoccupations of the dying Dmitri Shostakovich seem worlds away from solid, secure Cheltenham, looking its floweriest best again at festival time, the performance of his 1973 cycle, Six Poems of Marina Tsvetayeva - originally billed as the British premiere of the orchestral version, but preempted by a Barbican performance 10 days earlier - made a deep, if rather severe, impression.

Poems with titles such as "Hamlet's Dialogue with his own Conscience" seem so well tailored to the composer's own agonized introspection that it does not surprise one to hear the familiar orchestral gestures, evoking arduous bitterness or hopeless gloom, emerging once again. From the opening cello solo, loaded with foreboding, through to the Mussorgsky-like use of solemn bells, which toll the final poem's homage to Akmatova, Shostakovich's handling of the chamber orchestra is mastery.

Percussion is usually reserved for heavily ironic purposes, and

horns and bassoons add a brooding, very Russianate flavour to the textures.

The Swedish mezzo Birgit Finnila could have generated more anguish and agitation in the vocal line to match this orchestral mood, but her performance was full-toned and technically assured, as was the well prepared orchestra directed by John Lubbock.

The players who brought infectious high spirits and some well pointed phrasing to Mozart and Haydn symphonies also dug their bows deep into the rich, slow-moving sonnetries of Peter Racine Fricker's *Litany* (which was premiered at this festival 29 years ago). Not unlike Vaughan Williams's *Tallis Fantasia* in its solemn use of double string orchestra and its fantasizing on ancient liturgical melodies, the work is perhaps beset by a certain rhythmic monotony. But, when he casts his austere ecclesiastical robes aside, Fricker gives vent to a welcome vein of warm-blooded lyricism, nowhere more effectively than at *Litany*'s climax, gravely and elegiacally resolving the work's dissonances on to a long-held pedal point.

Richard Morrison

## Clementi Trio

## ICA

Two of the composers in this concert were also featured in the first of the ICA series last week. Their contributions on this occasion were, however, rather different from what we heard from each of them before. Clarence Barlow's 1981 turned out to be every bit as single-minded as some of his other music, but nowhere near as rebarbative. This single short movement was constructed from elements of piano trios by Clementi, Schumann and Ravel, though I do not think too many of us would have guessed this if the programme note had not told us: the material was radically re-changed by Barlow's fragmentation processes into a deftly interlocking cascade of compound rhythms which suddenly evaporated into a surprise ending, whose unmistakable references to Ravel were clearly meant to be noticed as such.

Walter Zimmermann's *Ephemer* and *Garten des Vergessens* were, similarly, more lively in terms of pace than one might have expected on previous evidence. *Ephemer* began

with quickly dancing figures from the piano, followed by a slow meditation in harmonics for solo cello; out of this and similar contrasts grew a pleasingly unpredictable discourse, the paragraphs being connected more by allusion than any obvious sense of development. Zimmermann's music has a deliberate self-abnegation which can make it difficult to work your way into, but at its best it also has a quiet and scrupulous sincerity.

*Garten des Vergessens* was far less convincing: a sequence of cells based only on the notes C, D and E flat trotted along on all three instruments for five minutes or so, so that when any E natural made its appearance, the effect was not so much epoch-making as irritatingly predictable. When the piece ended, ten minutes later, the

process had gone no further; one was left with a feeling of astonishment that Zimmermann could allow himself to write quite so thinly.

Last came Variations on a Mongolian Song, by Manfred Shahnke, which despite its title was in no way a piece of oriental pastiche; a few carefully deployed microtones added spice to a melody which at first overlapped among the instruments and then ramified most inventively into ever wider harmonic spaces.

All four works were played by the Clementi Trio with an undemonstrative excellence which made one look forward to hearing them again in Clementi, or Schumann, or Ravel - though not necessarily all at the same time.

Malcolm Hayes

## London debuts

Hanne Seki disproved the myth that all Japanese pianists play the same. Perhaps a rather uneventful player, she still is able to guide the ear rather to the music than to the performance. Her playing is bathed in tonal beauty and a general preoccupation with sound is used to achieve the desired effect, rather than any especially strong temperament. Beethoven's Waldstein Sonata would have benefited from greater attention to details of harmony and rhythm in the left-hand part, but Miss Seki elevated the quiet episodes with a winning, delicate femininity. The vivid colouristic strokes of Debussy's *Reflets dans l'eau* took one off into a world of serene enchantment.

The San Francisco Girls Chorus, apart from needing a different conductor, can be proud of their form, and it was heartening to see them put on a brave face at their recent concert when faced with a hall of fewer than forty people. Their musical director Elizabeth Applling has trained them in a wide repertoire (on this occasion they tackled music from Palestrina to Negro spirituals) and even in complex polyphonic music they did not have recourse to the score. Brahms's 13 Canons, Op 113, had a richer sonority than with a boys' choir and every effort was made to exploit characterization, though the impact of hearing the disciplined and sweet-sounding singing perhaps had more to do with the setting of a quietly empty St John's, Smith Square.

The pianist Debbie Lewkowicz comes from South Africa, although she is currently studying in London. Technique appears to be her strongest accomplishment, although her right hand is certainly more secure than the left. Schumann's *Kreisleriana* was not unified enough, the work's introductory movement being dispatched as if it was an *étude*. Even in more relaxed movements one was aware of a mental tension that prevented the mood from being entirely convincing. Czerny's "La ricordanza" Variations (nearly all right-hand stuff) came off beautifully, filigree ornamentation rippling away

delightfully. Miss Lewkowicz's Chopin was too much bound by the bar-line to attain lyrical fluency.

The Israeli-born Canadian pianist Yoram Fichman has an abundance of exuberant keyboard talent, but it seems that as yet he has to find the right teacher, for much comes across as musically anarchic and illogical. For instance, Ravel's *Gaspard de la nuit* cannot be fully effective unless all three pieces work, here there was certainly a luscious tonal palette in "Le Gibet" and a "Scarbo" that more resembled Stravinsky than Ravel, but "Ondine" emerged as a very tangible and ham-fisted sprit.

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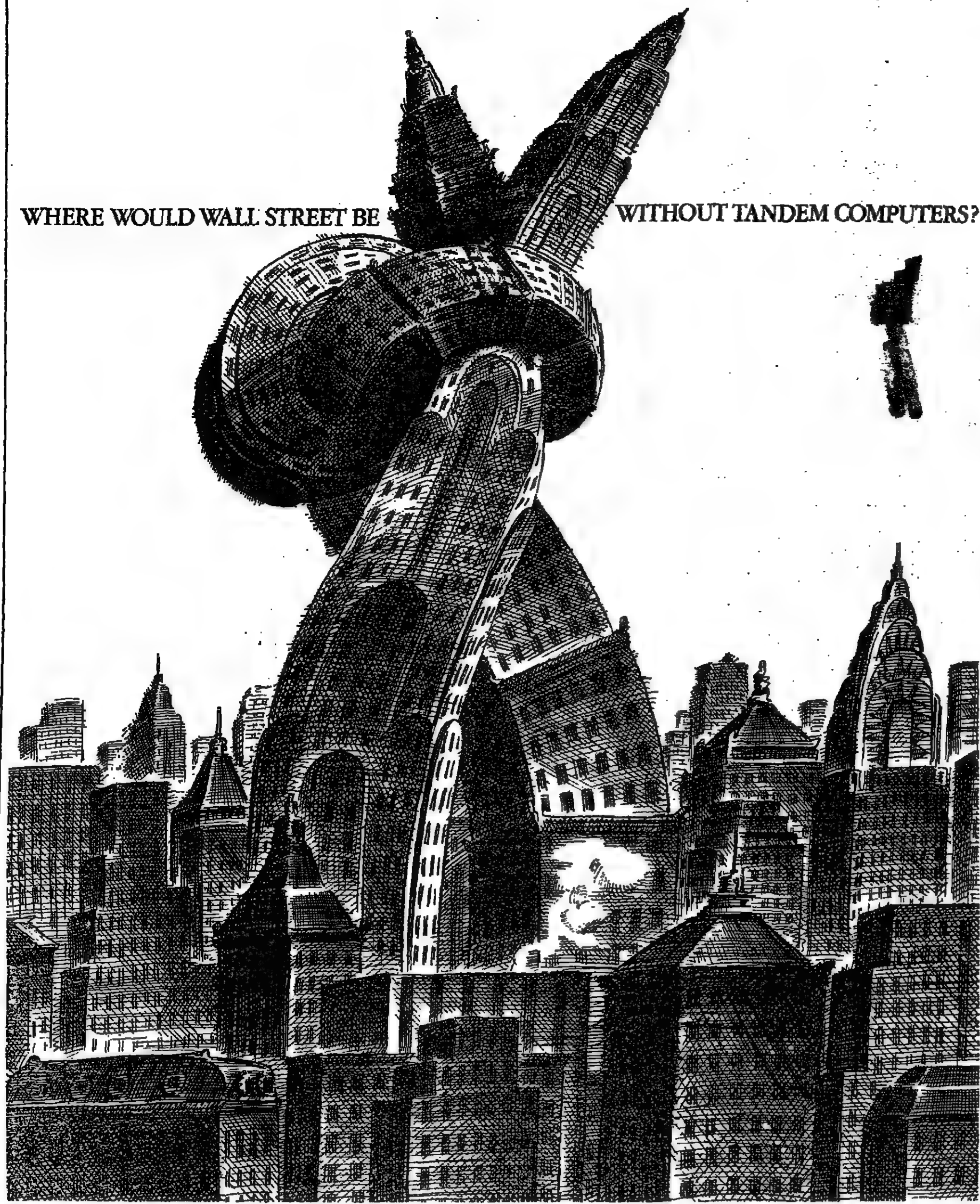
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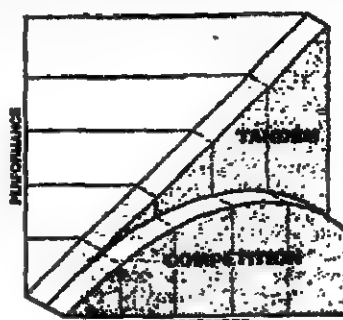
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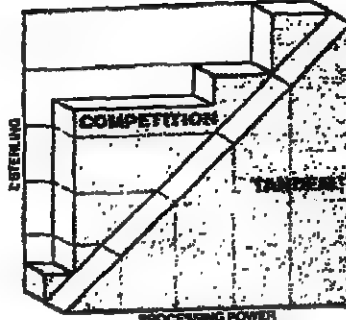
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## COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

## Amiga seeks a bite of Apple

By Geoff Wheelwright  
Commodore Business Machines is about to enter its most crucial phase since the company entered the computer market more than 10 years ago.

It is poised to launch a so-called "Macintosh-killer" computer in the US - a move which could well make or break the future of Commodore, still market leader in home computers. The new product, the Amiga, has been in the works more than a year after Commodore's purchase of the company which designed it - and the US home-computer software industry has been frantically developing programs for the machine for the past six months. The machine is desperately important to Commodore, since the drastic fall-off in its home-computer market which has fuelled Commodore's tremendous growth.

Industry analysts who have seen the machine say it could push Apple's Macintosh computer well out of the limelight and make people forget that Jack Tramiel's Atari ever announced something called the Atari ST Range. Perhaps more importantly, it could save Commodore from the kind of dire financial trouble that has plagued both Sinclair and Acorn in the UK.

But there is concern about how long the machine has taken to reach the market and what it will cost when it gets there. Price estimates floated at June's Consumer Electronic Show in Chicago suggested the machine would sell for about \$2,000 and about £1,500 in the UK. This price would include a disc-drive storage system, 256K of RAM (computer memory), and a method of issuing commands that is similar to both Apple and Atari's new computers.

People who have seen the machine, however, say it is easier, offers better colour, sounds and greater screen clarity than any other competitor. It also uses the same computer micro processor as the Apple Macintosh and Sinclair QL - the Motorola 68000.

The timing of the computer's release could be crucial. With a June launch in the US, the company should be able to ship enough machines to gain ground in the all-important US Christmas market, although the UK launch is not rumoured to be on the stocks until early 1986.

With a £1,500 price tag, however, it is not surprising that Commodore is largely ignoring the home-oriented seasonal Christmas market for the Amigas in 1985.

Whether or not the Amiga computer is really the company's knight in shining plastic probably has more to do with the software than anything else. The fact that software houses have had a good idea of the machine's specification for more than a year - and some have had working prototypes for more than six months - means that a reasonable-size software base may be announced at the machine's launch.

No matter how wonderful the Amiga's specifications are, it has virtually no chance in the market if buyers cannot do anything useful with it.

## The great check-out revolution

By the end of the decade the new industry created by electronic computerized terminals at retail check-outs could be worth £400 million. Cash registers would be replaced by computers linked to the main clearing banks and through the retailer's own mainframe computer to suppliers.

The growth of this new market depends on the public and the retail trade embracing what has been termed electronic point of sale (EPOS). The technology is slowly making an impact in Britain but the progress is still sluggish.

The details were disclosed last week in a report published by *EuroMonitor*. The computerized EPOS systems usually have laser readers at the check-outs. As the item is passed over the scanner, a bar code on the side of the purchase is read by the laser and the information relayed to the computerized terminal on the checkout.

According to the report, 165 retail stores were using such scanning devices at the end of last year in Britain. Another 110 stores are due to be on line by the end of this year.

Says the study: "Leading the field are Tesco, who had installed 40 systems at the end of 1984, including 30 in their Victor Value chain and Shoppers Paradise, with 44 installations. Interestingly, early developments have been focussed on such food discount chains

rather than on the big supermarket and store operations at the end of 1984. Asda had only two installations and Sainsbury just three."

The development, however, is still slow. The terminals for these systems have been selling but clearly in modest quantities. Last year only 200 such terminals were sold. By the end of

the decade that figure will have quadrupled. The report is bullish and predicts that by the end of the decade there will be 1,800 scanning stores in the UK and these installations will come on line at a rate of 500 a year. Even this bullish prediction accounts for only 0.5 per cent of retail outlets.

The study says that the EPOS market of systems and cash registers is expected to grow from £18 million this year to £90 million in 1990. The total market, which includes peripherals and computer software, was valued at £80 million last year. That figure will increase by a factor of five within the next five years.

The predictions made by the *EuroMonitor* survey are strong, despite the slow progress of EPOS. However, in recent weeks the banks have been

making moves towards encouraging these systems. When fully operational, purchasers will pay for their items at the computerized check-outs by credit card. The check-out terminals will be attached through a high speed telecommunications network to the computers of the clearing banks. The money for the purchase will be instantly transferred to the retailer's account and the credit-card holder will be billed in the usual way. The EPOS systems being installed in Britain's supermarkets have not acquired that sophistication yet but that is the target. The computer terminals, the computer supporting mainframes and the peripherals and software will mean that the leading suppliers will all be competing for the new business.

IBM and NCR would expect to be among the market leaders, Britain's IT flagship, ICL is also expected to compete heavily in the market. The supermarket installations will be matched by those being planned by the banks in their attempts to encourage customers to use plastic cards in automated teller machines (ATMs). The idea is to dispense with the need to

write cheques. Money would be transferred from one account to another electronically and most transactions, including statements and cash withdrawals, will be made using ATMs.

The pressure is being exerted on the retailers and the banks to eliminate the paper mountain which results each year in the processing of cheques. The banks have made their last major move towards its elimination. Last month the banks and the suppliers announced the installation of electronic/computerized terminals in about 1,000 locations beginning in November. The first terminals in this system will allow the holders of Visa and Access credit cards to pay for their purchases at electronic checkouts in London's Brent Cross. All of the 1,000 terminals are expected to be installed by the summer of next year and will be the forerunners of a national network.

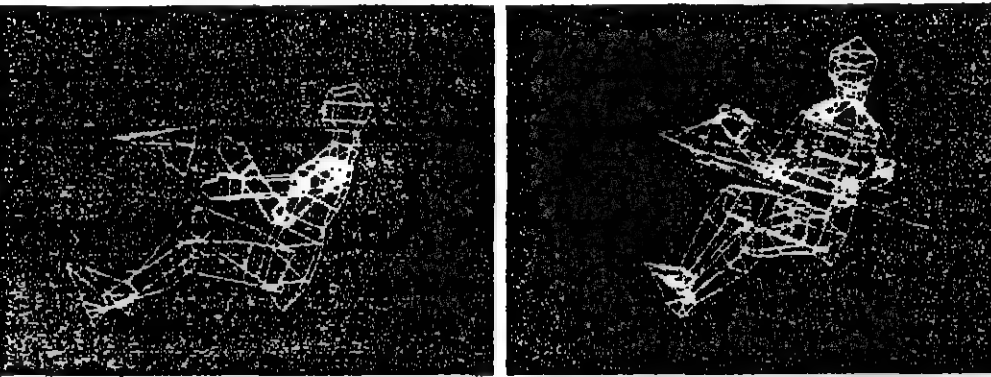
The cash register could soon be extinct. Cash will be used sparingly for purchases and cheques will virtually be eliminated. That is the goal being pursued by the proponents of the cashless society.

That society will also have facilities for banking using television/microcomputers linked by cable television networks to the local bank. The computerized cashless society is on its way.

## THE WEEK

By Bill Johnstone  
Technology Correspondent

## How Leyland cut design time



A computer which contains a computerized model of a lorry driver, details of the cab, instruments, and a variety of fields of visibility, has helped a British truck manufacturer make dramatic savings in the design time for its new range of trucks.

Leyland Trucks is the first British user of a new package from Prime Computers, one of the industry leaders in computer-aided design (CAD). The system, which follows the trend of manufacturing tortuous acronyms for new products, is called Sammie (system for adding man/machine interaction/evaluation), and is based on the Prime 2250 minicomputer.

The advanced technology department of

Leyland Trucks employed Sammie during the design stages of its Roadrunner truck, altering the cab layout, finding optimum positioning of wheel and gear-change, placing cab windows, and rear-view mirrors. One of the controls allows the designer to view the environments from many differing viewpoints, including that of the driver, a pedestrian or cyclist.

Explaining some of the advantages of the system, Ian Wood, the human factors research engineer at Leyland, says that by using the modular package, Leyland was able to insert the three-dimensional driver into a variety of cabs and make rapid alterations to each layout. Previously every change of a conventional drawing involved up to two days' work; using Sammie has cut this time to a matter of minutes.

## Is it a telephone or an IT system?

By Richard Sarson

One of the most persistent of current buzz-words is "convergence", in the sense of computers converging with telecommunications. In general terms, this means that computers are doing some of the jobs of

telephones, and telephones are beginning to look like computers. But there is some confusion about the precise meaning, and about what help it is to the business executive or a member of the public.

There seem to be three levels. The first is to use telephone lines to pass data from computer. This has been going on for many years. The next is to get voice and data in one device that sits on the desk-top, such as British Telecom's Merlin Tonto (alias the ICL One Per Desk).

A small systems house, C Squared, in Great Portland Street, London, is developing a system called CATO (computer-aided telephone operation), which goes further. It comes from the specific needs of certain customers to make their telephone system provide extra services by marrying it to their computer system.

One example is a hotel, which effected this marriage for two almost-banal but rather revealing purposes. They wanted to stop guests or staff going into empty rooms and telephoning Australia. So they built a connection between their

PABX and their computerized booking-in system, to bar the telephones in the rooms when the guests checked out. The hardware and software involved in this paid for itself in three months.

It also paid for a guest-friendly system, whereby a call from a guest for room service goes via the check-in computer, which sends the name of the guest to a screen in the room service room, so the attendant can answer: "Yes, Mr. Waldorf, what can I do for you?" So, as well as saving money, "convergence" gives that personalized customer service, which distinguishes the good hotel from the mediocre.

The essence of these systems is not so much that they allow voice and data to pass down the line, but that the operators can use their eyes to absorb something they see on a screen, to help them with a telephone conversation, which they are absorbing through their ears.

Whatever we call it, the British appear, for a change, to have thought through the real opportunities of convergence, and are making products which exploit those opportunities. C Squared will launch CATO on the open market in September, and is already talking to an American company about distributing it in the US.

## The hi-tech gap and how to fill it

By Geoffrey Ellis

Companies investing in office automation are using only a fraction of the potential of their new equipment, because of bad staff training, insufficient support, and general ignorance.

This is one of the main findings in a forthcoming survey on the use of PCs in the office. Commissioned by Manpower, a temporary help company, it examines the impact on both workers and companies of the introduction of technology in the office.

Lack of proper training and the need for more time to assimilate the systems, means that 81 per cent of the 500-plus respondents believe that they were being denied the full benefit of their PCs.

Tony Hoskins, marketing manager of Manpower, commenting on the findings, says that too many managers see the PC as just a substitute for the typewriter, and ignore the tremendous power it can give to secretaries and executives. He adds: "New roles are being defined in the office structure. Previously secretaries could not access the volume and quality of information that can be distributed with PCs."

Management must recognize the new role of secretaries, who are now in a position to take decisions that have traditionally resided with managers.

One of the depressingly familiar problem areas encountered during the survey was that of software. There are scathing quotes complaining of atrocious manuals, apparently produced by professionals assuming a certain degree of knowledge on the part of the user, having to

use software by trial and error, and an overall level of dissatisfaction with all aspects of software.

The much-heralded "executive work station" is still slow in making its appearance. Just over a quarter of respondents had exclusive use of a PC, and when the novelty of a new machine has worn off, it is pushed sideways onto a secretary's desk, where it ends up being used largely for word processing.

On the credit side, however, it is reassuring to see that users who have gained experience and confidence with micros, discover a wider range of applications for their machines. As an example, only nine per cent had originally bought a PC to operate business graphics.

This number increased to 23 per cent after discovering the PC as just a substitute for the typewriter, and ignore the tremendous power it can give to secretaries and executives. He adds: "New roles are being defined in the office structure. Previously secretaries could not access the volume and quality of information that can be distributed with PCs."

Manpower itself are putting into practice the findings of the report. All of its centres, which have provided training on several types of dedicated word processors for the last two years, are now moving on to training sessions based on the IBM PC.

Eventually, as numbers of trained operators increase, Mr Hoskins sees a significant growth in dual roles, as secretaries realize the power that could be theirs for the asking.

## Quicker-than-ever words

By Tony Dennis

As all good hackers will know, the vital tool for micro telecommunications is a modem. It translates the computer's digital signals into audio frequencies that travel down the standard voice telephone lines. A modem at the other end turns the frequencies back into digital form again.

Current technology limits the speed of data transmission to 300 or 1,200 baud to be still within reach of the average user's pocket. However, an American invention for the IBM PC called a modem accelerator gives an effective data speed of 3,600 baud.

Dauran markets the modem accelerator for \$795 (about £400). It operates by turning 32,000 common English words into a "tokenized" form which takes up far less storage space than storing each word character by character. It is faster than

similar software methods because the dictionary is stored on ROM chips that use an 80 bit bus rather than the common 16. Effectively the 80 bit bus gives the microprocessor five times the normal number of channels to communicate with the ROM chip.

Dauran, a Californian company, is rumoured to be developing a customized chip, known as a gate array, which will do all the work that takes 42 separate chips in the current modem accelerator. If it succeeds there will be a tremendous saving in both space and production costs.

The new chip would also have huge repercussions in areas where text only needs to be transmitted. It could be used for local area networks, word processing, databases and artificial intelligence among many others.

## The trouble with bundling

By Ian White

The old business saying that there is no such thing as a free lunch is an adage that potential buyers of personal computers should consider when confronted by the promise of software for nothing. At first glance the claims look impressive: "Buy our XYZ computer and get £1,000 of software absolutely free."

There is little doubt that including free software, known as bundling, can be a shrewd marketing ploy for some manufacturers and retailers. Witness Dixon's proud boast of free software for the Sanyo micro when in fact it is the manufacturer offering the deal, not Dixon's.

For the customer the biggest danger is that bundled software rarely comes with the degree of support offered on software bought separately. Lotus and CompuSoft are two big software manufacturers who refuse to play the bundling game.

Lotus's marketing manager, Simon Rogers, says: "We feel

that our products (ie 1-2-3, Symphony, Jazz) are strong enough to stand on their own. The element of support for the customer is important. Throwing in software for free or at a discount doesn't allow for this support. In any case the user is not necessarily going to want the software that is thrown in."

## Grand old dame of processors

His argument is supported by Heather Kearsley, a director of CompuSoft, manufacturers of the Delta accounting system. She says: "Bundling tends to get software a bad name. The industry generally holds the view that bundled products wouldn't stand on their own. They are the also-rans, although Wordstar is the exception."

The concept of bundling software with computers was started about four years ago by Adam Osborne the man who

produced the first portable computer - the Osborne 1.

But Osborne did not offer only portability. Every Osborne 1 came with a full set of applications software that included Wordstar and Supercalc.

The trend soon caught on. Many other computer manufacturers began to include a word processor, database, and/or spreadsheet with their machines. Both Osborne and Kaypro have at one time or another included free copies of the leading database program, D Base II, from Ashton Tate, as well as the evergreen Wordstar from Micropro, now the grand old dame of micro computer word processors but still going strong.

Future Management, the old Osborne UK company which rose from the ashes of the Osborne crash, is carrying on the tradition by claiming to be the first supplier to give away integrated software. In this case it is the Integrated 7 package from Mosaic Software that is being given to buyers of the new Spirit PC compatible launched earlier this month by Future Management. This program offers graphics, base, communications, word processing, and mail-merge. According to Future Management's managing director, Mike Healy, Integrated 7 commands a retail price of £595 on its own.

ACT, Britain's leading home-grown manufacturer, has modified its bundling policy after pressure from dealers forced the company to drop the inclusion of Superwrite, Supercalc, and Superplaner with the Apricot FI.

ACT group marketing manager, James Blackledge, says: "The dealers felt we were taking business from them and stopping them selling software. The users felt they were paying for software that didn't suit their requirements. The software we bundle now is there to make the machine easier to use. It doesn't interfere with its application."

Consequently ACT now offers the Macintosh-like interface Gem with some of its computers.

But is the profusion of "free" software as good a deal as it sounds? First Computer's marketing manager, Ian Slater, thinks not. In fact Mr Slater considers that computer users are losing out through bundling. He says: "Bundling of applications programs is a hindrance. Anybody looking at computing should be sold the software first. However, specific software aids such as Gem which make the operation of the machine easier is of benefit."

"It is when manufacturers give away software to sell boxes that the problem starts. People may use only half the package."

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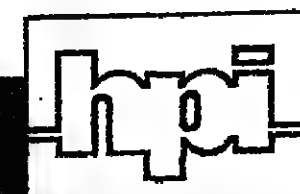
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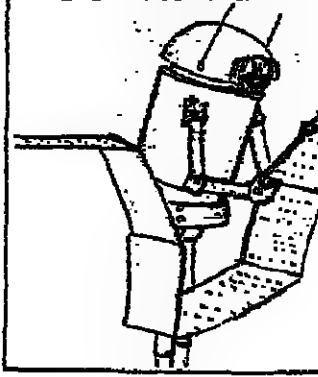


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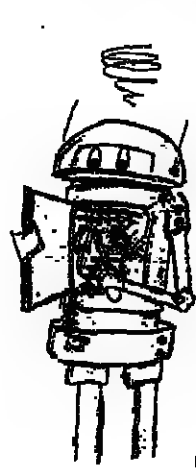
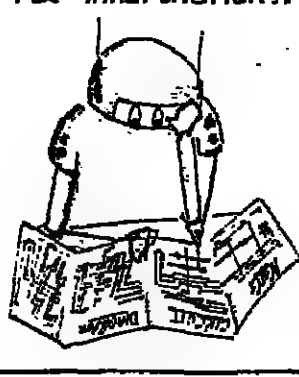


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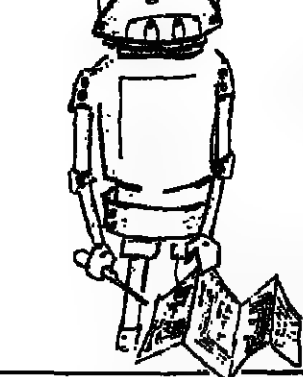
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## The race for 'super' machines brings Star Wars to the US market

By Andrew Pollack

The first electronic computer the Eniac, was built in the 1940s to calculate artillery shell trajectories. But the mainstream of computing has long since moved away from such mathematically intensive tasks toward more mundane ones, such as corporate record-keeping.

IBM became the size it is by selling computers for accountants and sales managers, not for physicists and engineers.

Now, however, computing is taking a tilt back toward its roots. High-speed computers for use by scientists and engineers have suddenly become one of the hottest product areas in the computer business.

Numerous start-up companies are racing to build machines that can perform number-crunching at lightning speeds.

The interest in scientific computing has already led to a surge of interest in supercomputers, the \$5 million plus machines now used for scientific work. But the new companies are developing machines that, if not quite as fast as supercomputers, will be more affordable and have a broader market.

The market for computers used for science and engineering is estimated at \$4 billion, according to Jeffrey Canin, an analyst with Hambrecht &

Quist in San Francisco. Analysts put this market at less than 10 per cent of the entire computer market.

But as electronic improvements lower the cost and raise the speed of computers, scientists and engineers are finding new cost-efficient uses for the machines.

Electronics companies are designing and simulating the behaviour of new computer chips before setting up a production line. Pharmaceutical companies are trying to design new drugs on the computer rather than in the laboratory.

Aerospace and auto companies, for example, want to simulate the aerodynamic behaviour of their products with a computer instead of building a costly prototype and putting it in a costly wind tunnel.

Uses include medical imaging, such as computer-assisted tomography, cat scanning, and seismic processing, in which oil companies analyse sound waves, reflected off underground structures, to try to locate oil deposits. Such machines have a market of about \$175 million a year.

Such tasks often require millions or even billions of additions and multiplications and would take weeks on a regular computer, even a large one.

The major alternative so far has been supercomputers, which are specially designed for

high-speed repetitive operations. They can perform more than 100 million so-called floating point operations a second under ideal conditions. Floating point refers to a way of representing widely varying numbers as the product of a smaller number times a power of two.

The market for these machines is growing rapidly, but because the machines sell for more than \$5 million, the market is still limited.

Most of the scientific computing is now done on general-purpose machines, such as IBM mainframes and the Digital Equipment Corporation's VAX supermini-computer. Supermini-computers, which are not specially designed for number-crunching, sell for less than \$1 million but can manage only about one million floating point operations a second, less than 1 per cent of the speed of a supercomputer.

Scientific computer companies, then, are building machines cheaper than supercomputers yet faster than supermini-computers, machines that might best be called minisupercomputers.

The leader in the high-speed market so far has been Floating Point Systems, based in Oregon. For 10 years, Floating Point has thrived, but it is under pressure from the new companies, some founded by former Floating Point executives.

Floating Point has been selling array processors, devices that attach to larger computers and handle the number crunching. Array processors have been used mainly in signal processing — the science of extracting meaningful information from a complex, noisy signal.

The company has already suffered from competition in this area. Last year it lost its biggest contract — supplying the V3 General Electric to Star Technologies, a Portland company formed by former Floating Point executives.

Floating Point has turned its attention to more powerful scientific computers, which can handle 64 bits of information at a time compared with 32 bits for array processors.

Company sales of this product quadrupled in two years, to \$35 million in 1984. But competition is also rising from companies building near-supercomputers. Scientific Computer Systems, another company formed by a former Floating Point executive, is building what has sometimes been called a Crayette, a smaller version of the best-selling supercomputer, the Cray.

Sorting out the winners is difficult and the industry is full of exaggerated claims about how many megaflops — millions of floating point operations a second — their computers can perform. It's a macho flop game, one executive said.

## Nuking good taste, the British way

By Mike Gerrard

Table-top war games have been around since the 17th century at least. But if recent software releases are anything to go by then the home micro equivalents are still in the dark ages — not as regards technical excellence, but in the dubious choice of subject matter: nuclear war.

After last year's release of *Raid Over Moscow*, whose title must win the Kenny Everett award for subtlety, comes *Theatre Europe*, from the software house PSS, based in Coventry, showing that we British can hold our own when it comes to bad taste. This one allows the player to have fun and frolics by launching nuclear warheads at the city of your choice, or by indulging in a little harmless chemical warfare.

*Raid Over Moscow* — "play it like there's no tomorrow" — loads to the sound of The Star-Spangled Banner and is based on the supposition that the Russians launch a nuclear attack, unprovoked, of course, against a US city, giving the players just a few minutes to retaliate by nuking the Reds.

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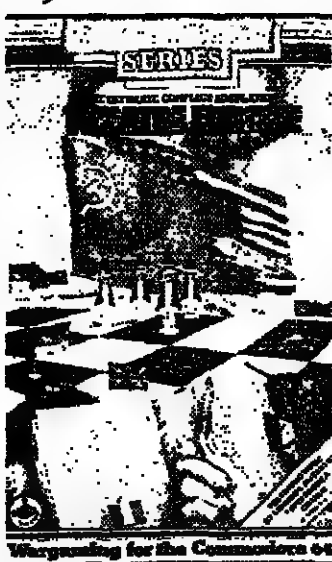
Moscow itself, where "Your mission is to blow up the Defence Centre. If you are successful, you will get Soviet military strength back 10 years".

If you prove a little slow in dealing with the "red menace" then you'll just have to sit back and watch that old mushroom cloud obliterating Dallas or New York in multi-coloured high-resolution graphics.

Just a game? Well, it doesn't take a great deal of imagination to know what the response from President Reagan or Mrs Thatcher would be if it were reported that Russian children were being sold copies of *Nuking New York or Raid Over London*, nor to imagine the Russian reaction to the release of these "games" in the West.

*Theatre Europe* cannot be accused of being one-sided, as it does allow you to choose sides in its scenario of a Third World War centred on western Europe. You can represent either the Nato European countries (with a bit of help from Uncle Sam) or the Warsaw Pact nations, the latter, naturally, being marked on the map in brightest red.

Equally predictable, the instructions tell you to choose the Nato side in guiding you



One of the latest games: What would the Russians say?

through a sample game, although there is a remarkable similarity in graphics between the screens which show nuclear warheads raining down on Moscow or London.

Adding to the controversy and attendant publicity has been the inclusion of a few bars from John Lennon's "Give

Peace a Chance". This is played over the title screen, and again, if you dial a special phone number requesting the code you need in order to launch a nuclear attack.

It is to the credit of PSS that it has used the music legitimately by obtaining a licence from the publishers, Northern Songs, but there can be little doubt about whether the licence would have been granted for this purpose had Lennon had control of the copyright.

The booklet with *Theatre Europe* includes the statement: "This program is dedicated to the people of the world that the game is never played for real." The necessary code word is only given to you over the phone after the sound of a baby crying, when a prissy female voice tells you: "If this is really what you want the code is..."

But if you think these games do not go far enough, why not fill in the Wargaming Society membership application that comes with the game and answer the question about which era you'd like to see covered next in the Wargames series by ticking the box marked Vietnam. And after that, what? Belfast? Lebanon? After all, it's just a computer game, isn't it?

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MSX micro, a Japanese-inspired attempt to establish a standard for home computers that will allow them to run the same software, have revealed another mixed blessing. London's chain of Underwood's shops is to sell the MSX Panasonic CF-2700 for £100. A few months ago it was selling for £280 and, says Underwood's, it has bought in a job lot of "over 1,000" units at a price that will still enable them to make a profit on the new price.

Diagrams recently cut the price of the Toshiba MSX HE-10 by a similar proportion to £99. Though would-be MSX micro owners can now pick up an apparent bargain, the heavy price-cutting confirms that the prerequisite for establishing a standard, is obtaining a large share of the market, is a long way off.

Household robots which will act as a sort of mechanical butler doing a variety of domestic chores around the house will "probably never exist" according to Richard Pawsen, author of *The Robot Book*, a well-written and comprehensive introduction to the field, published last week. It is more

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likely, says Mr Pawsen, that we will have several dedicated robots around the house — one to mow the grass, one to vacuum the carpet.

Claims by the fledgling domestic robot industry that its products can perform useful tasks are dismissed.

*The Robot Book*, is published by Windward at £7.95.

Parents with children at a secondary school in Bracknell, Berkshire, can now use a computer link to the school's database. Using a private viewdata system the information bank can tell parents what's on at school, including sports fixtures and clubs, events for pupils and parents, a prospectus showing what subjects are on offer and a list of evening classes for adults.

Garth Hill Secondary can now only cater for parents with home computers. But, according to the headmaster Stanley Goodchild, "with the rate of progress in this technology it is anticipated that the number will increase fairly rapidly."

The Red Scarf Software Development Company of Peking is to start on its first project: computer games for children. It will get the product right because the staff is composed entirely of primary school children. The 10-year-old manager-in-chief, Wu Min, said: "We have been told by our leaders that the popularization of computer science should start with the children and the purpose of our company is to do our bit for the country."

Wu has attracted national attention because of her "unusual aptitude with computers". In nine months of study, the company claims, she mastered two computer languages — Basic and Logo. She enrolled for the computer class at the Science Centre in Peking's Xicheng District School and after a few months mastered keyboard dexterity and English letters and was "therefore more than ready to tackle computer games".

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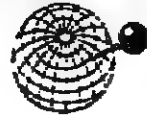
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## FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

## Policy dilemma as banks trim their base rates

After 48 hours of racking and thumb-screws, the clearers came into line smartly enough with official intentions yesterday cutting base rates by half a point to 12 per cent. The gilt market prinked about in delight, putting on 1/2 of a point at the long end, and the authorities sold out the long tap, Treasury 10 per cent 2004.

A faint air of unreality pervaded the move toward lower rates, presumably the fiction that British interest rates are market-determined can now be laid decently to rest. Was it worth it? Cheaper rates should, on balance, do nothing to curb money market shortages, which yesterday totalled £750 million. Every round of assistance offered by the Bank of England increases the pressure on the monetary aggregates, assuming these things still matter somewhere in Whitehall.

In exchange rate terms, the results so far have been meagre. Sterling closed yesterday near \$1.40, and over 83 on the trade-weighted index, or roughly where it was before the move to lower rates began.

Only the Confederation of British Industry's full-blooded two-point cut in rates ("for starters") would have much impact on sterling in foreign exchange markets. Yet, presumably, the clearing banks were reluctant to cut base rates because of the strength of underlying credit demand. And if demand for credit is strong at 12 per cent, would it be weaker at 10 per cent?

The swing factor in Treasury and Bank of England calculations remains the dollar on which some light will fall in mid-week when Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, testifies to Congress in his regular six-monthly report on the state of interest rates and the economy.

The conventional market view, endorsed to some extent by yesterday's data showing a 0.4 per cent fall in May stocks

in the US, is that the Fed will continue to ease its hold to help a recession-bound economy. Hence early cuts are foretold for the Federal Discount Rate, with the Fed also looking for a dollar "soft landing". To some extent, US money rates and bond yields have already anticipated these developments.

Major market figures on both sides of the Atlantic are talking in terms that question this received wisdom. According to Dr Henry Kaufman, of Salomon Brothers, the fall in rates has run its course. The Fed's recent easing will have been sufficient to revive the US economy. He sees it growing at an annualized rate in the second half of 1985 by some 3 1/2 per cent, compared with 2 per cent in the first half.

In London, Stephen Lewis, of Phillips and Drew, notes the recent sharp fall in the dollar, and argues that world disengagement with the current mix of fiscal and monetary policy is leading to a fundamental reappraisal of the dollar. With inflation in 1986 heading towards 5 per cent, the Fed may have no scope to ease rates unless it is willing to provoke a precipitous drop in the US currency.

The minutes of the Fed Open Market Committee meeting in May tend to endorse these views. Two months ago, the Fed opted to maintain an easier monetary policy but without pushing for lower rates. Growth in M1 was to stay at an annualized rate of some 6 per cent. The subsequent growth rate of M1 (in June 1985 per cent annualized) has shown the folly of the Fed's policies. Traders have detected no easing since the June meeting last week.

The dollar may be firmer, if the Fed opts not to tighten. This is where the British authorities need to be careful. Wholesale rate cuts might provoke a traditional sterling crisis.

## Warning for impulsive banks

Yesterday's speech by Kit McMahon, deputy governor of the Bank of England, in which he highlighted pitfalls in the "securitization" of lending by banks, is a timely warning to an industry which is peculiarly prone to indiscriminate enthusiasms.

For some time now commercial banks have been turning increasingly towards acting as intermediaries in the capital markets and looking to package lending into marketable securities. As the deputy governor observed in his address to the International Banking Summer School in Cambridge, innovation in the capital markets and the development of new instruments have contributed to this. Banks have also been keen to do more off-balance-sheet business to push up earnings when balance sheet capacity is strained, while the trend has also been encouraged by the deterioration in the credit-worthiness of banks relative to top quality non-bank borrowers. Investors have looked to place surplus funds in securities rather than bank deposits.

One consequence is that commercial banks and investment banks are increasingly competing head-on, providing the same services to the same customers. For commercial banks there are a number of attractions. Given proper controls they should be able to manage risk flexibly and fine-tune portfolios to improve the credit mix.

There can, however, be less desirable consequences, and Mr McMahon made clear that increased marketability of an asset does not reduce the size of capital

backing needed to absorb losses. Indeed, he pointed out that tradeability could tend to reduce overall asset quality because banks may lose their best quality assets to non-bank holders. Furthermore, losses could crystallize more quickly because if a borrower's credit-rating suffers, it is likely to be reflected in a discount on its "securitized" debt. This could force banks to take a write-down earlier than they would have had to with traditional forms of lending. "The banking system may well become crunchier, if that is the right metaphor," Mr McMahon said.

Confusion about where the credit risk actually lies, a problem which has already been evident over note issuance facilities, is another potential pitfall the deputy governor highlighted. He also raised the intriguing question of whether a borrower relying heavily on securitized debt would receive the support of its bankers or be able to restructure its finances successfully if it ran into trouble.

"I find it difficult to see securitized lending being able to offer comparable support in time of difficulty," he concluded, while conceding that it might encourage borrowers to take action earlier rather than wait until too late.

Mr McMahon also had a message for the bank supervisors. In an increasingly integrated world, there was a need for convergence of prudential standards to prevent banks switching capital to less onerous regimes. Other countries should also follow the British example in disallowing double-counting of capital in cases where one bank holds another bank's capital in the form of loan stock.

## Summer sales spending spree helps shops to retail record

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Spending in the shops surged to its highest ever level last month, according to official figures from the Department of Trade and Industry. The volume of retail sales rose 1.3 per cent in June, to top the previous peak, reached last December.

Detailed figures will not be available until early next month, but the indications are that sales were strong across most sectors. The strength of sales, particularly in the North, and increased use of credit cards by shoppers.

The index of retail sales volume was 116.1 (1980=100) last month, compared with 114.6 in May and the previous peak of 115.6 in December. The

index, which is adjusted to take account of seasonal changes in spending patterns, fell back sharply earlier this year.

Sales volume in June was 5 per cent higher than a year earlier, while the value of sales was 9 per cent up on June 1984.

There was some surprise, both in the City and in the retailing industry, about the strong rise in sales. However, Whitehall officials said that they did not expect any significant revision of the figures.

The Retail Consortium said that the official figures appeared to be higher than reports from members had suggested. "Even if the provisional figures prove to be an over-estimate, there is

no doubt that the broad-based strength of retailing continues", a representative said.

The consortium added that the pattern of spending could be changing, with increased evidence of credit-led spending.

Marks and Spencer, which introduced its own charge card nationally in April, reports that around 7 per cent of all sales are now on the card, with the figure as high as 11 per cent in some branches. The company has issued more than 800,000 cards and is processing 30,000 applications a week.

Marks and Spencer said yesterday that, while it was impossible to give figures, it was likely that the card had improved spending.

The June record in retail sales volume came in spite of very poor weather. Retailers report that the improved July weather has boosted sales still further this month. In addition, most stores have started their cut-price summer sales.

The John Lewis Partnership said that the first week of July was excellent for its stores, with total sales up 16.9 per cent on a year earlier. The warm weather had stimulated sales rather than deterring people from shopping, the partnership said.

Retail sales volume for the first six months of this year was 4.5 per cent higher than in the corresponding period of 1984.

## MPs urge big push on China trade

By John Llewellyn and Richard Evans

British exporters were yesterday told to be far more aggressive in their attempts to do business in China - just as Peking announced a new set of import-dampening measures.

The Commons trade and industry select committee, whose members toured China for two weeks this summer, reported that British companies were failing to take proper advantage of the multi-billion pound opportunities presented by China's rapidly expanding economy.

And it said that the Government had not helped by restricting credit, cutting help and services for potential exporters and having too few diplomats in China to help to win orders.

The MPs report has, since going to press, been overtaken by a government decision to provide trade-related aid for China.

The danger now seen by trade officials is that companies new to the market may be put off by measures to curb demand for foreign goods. They are, how-

ever, part of an overall attempt to correct over-heating in the economy, at a time when China's foreign exchange reserves are thought to have fallen from more than \$16 billion to possibly as low as \$12 billion.

The measures, which come into force today, include a special import tax on things like vehicles, colour televisions and mini-computers taken into the country's special economic zones - where foreign investment has been encouraged, but which have been attacked recently for allowing practices like corruption and smuggling to grow alongside an increasing western presence.

With British goods accounting for only 1 per cent of Chinese imports, the Government will be anxious to back the MPs' message that "the present situation in China is one which offers major prospects for foreign investment." But they add the warning: "This will only be earned by UK companies who are prepared to make the effort."

## Debenhams stake 'sold'

By Patience Wheatcroft

Up to three million Debenhams shares are believed to have been sold yesterday by Mr Gerald Ronson, chairman of Heron International.

Burton Group is thought to be about to deliver a final offer worth around £4 a share for Debenhams, but Mr Ronson, who held just under 5 per cent of Debenhams and at one time contemplated a joint bid for the company with Sir Philip Harris Queensway may decide that his shares, accumulated at pre-bid levels of below 250p, were showing enough profit.

They were trading at 387p yesterday morning, before taking account of the one-for-five scrip which now takes effect.

Last Thursday Burton Group told Debenhams advisers that it was prepared to lift its offer, worth 333p, to £4 in return for an agreed bid. But the Debenhams board, led by the chairman, Mr Robert Thornton, rejected the suggestion. They claim that their first wish is to keep Debenhams independent, and failing that, would prefer an alternative consortium bid to a takeover by Mr Ralph Halpern and Burton.



Peter Walker: "enormous potential for growth"

## 'Write off debts' call by Walker

By Ian Griffiths

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, yesterday warned Western banks that they must be prepared to accept huge write-offs on outstanding Third World debts. Addressing partners from the accountancy firm of Pannell Kerr Forster in Birmingham, Mr Walker said: "I do not think that you can continue with a happy rescheduling of debts. If the debts are rescheduled but the totality remains the same it becomes pretty depressing."

Mr Walker suggested that any new South American governments might not be prepared to accept the debts incurred by their predecessors.

He said that servicing debts to American banks was not a good platform on which to fight elections. The existing debt burden which faced many South American countries would serve to impair their economic expansion.

"There is still enormous potential for growth and it is in everyone's interest to have South America growing."

"We must face the fact that these enormous debts will have to be locked in a more positive way."

Questioned later, Mr Walker disputed the suggestion that permitting Third World countries to renege on their debts would precipitate a banking collapse. He argued that British banks were much less exposed than their US counterparts, and that by tackling the problem in an ordered fashion the banking system would be preserved.

Mr Walker emphasized that he was presenting his own views and not those of the Government.

## Wedd names equity chief

Wedd Durlacher Mordaunt, the biggest London stock jobbing firm, yesterday appointed Mr Richard Priestley to replace Mr Charles Hue Williams as head of the firm's equity department.

Mr Hue Williams led a team of eight who left Wedd Durlacher on Friday to join Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank which is to take over Greaveson Grant, the broker.

Last night, Wedd Durlacher held a partners' meeting to discuss the changes. Mr Graham Ferguson, the firm's spokesman, said: "We were just going round with a dustpan and brush to sweep up after Friday. But we are not actually too thin on the ground: we still have 100 partners."

## MARKET SUMMARY

## STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	937.2 (+11.2)
FT-A All Share	83.12 (+1.77)
FT Govt Securities	1243.6 (+12.8)
FT-SE 100	20.495
Bargains	20.495
Dataseam USM	96.20 (+0.20)
New York	
Dow Jones	1338.48 (-0.11)
Nikkei Dow	12,598.77 (-240.72)
Hong Kong	1640.49 (+24.71)
Amsterdam	216.7 (-1.1)
Frankfurt	1388.0 (-9.7)
Commerzbank	329.30 (-8.31)
General	219.8 (unchanged)
Paris: CAC	380.30 (-4.80)

## GOLD

London fixing:	
am \$317.15 pm-\$315.85	
close \$316.25-\$318.00	(£227.50)
\$228.00	
New York	
Comex (latest)	\$315.05

## MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Noble & Lund	25p +5p
Dunton Group	21 1/2p +4p
Wiggins Group	35p +5p
Triplex Foundries	37p +4p
TI Group	27 1/2p +2p
CPS Computer	53p +5p
Pentland Industries	27 1/2p +2p
Caparo Industries	33p +8p
Murray Growth	104p +8p
Dee Corporation	253p +15p
Johnson, Matthey	101p +8p
WH Smith	228p +14p
John Brown	32p +2p
Davy Corporation	100p +7p
Buena Vista	10p +1p
Senior Eng	27p +2 1/2p

## INTEREST RATES

London:	
Bank Base: 12%	
3-month Interbank 12 1/2%-12%	
3-month eligible bills	
buying rate 11 1/2%-11 3/4%	
US:	
Prime Rate 9.50%	
Federal Funds 7 1/4%	
3-month Treasury Bills 7.05-7.04%	
Long bond 107 1/2%-107 3/4%	

## CURRENCIES

London:	
\$: \$1.3882 (-0.0025)	
DM: 4.0008 (-0.0037)	
Sfr: 3.3179 (-0.0207)	
FF: 12.1612 (-0.0238)	
Yen: 320.35 (-3.70)	
Index: 63.2 (-0.2)	
New York:	
\$: \$1.3885	
DM: 2.8778	
Index: 138.4 (-0.5)	
ECU: 50.561394	
SOR: 50.732748	

## IN-BRIEF

## Bell figures 'inaccurate'

Guinness, the brewing and retailing group, confirmed last night that it had lodged a formal complaint with the Takeover Panel over the document issued by Arthur Bell & Sons on Friday to ward off the £300 million bid from Guinness.

The Bell document criticized certain aspects of Guinness' operations, but Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank acting for Guinness, is claiming that the figures upon which the criticism was based were inaccurate.

## Savoy riposte

The Savoy Educational Trust, which owns a key stake in the Savoy last night hit back at the campaign by Trusthouse Forte to acquire its crucial shareholding, claiming the "innuendoes directed by Lord Forte against the trust and its administrators are entirely without foundation."

There were suggestions that Lord Forte would carry his campaign to the offices of the Charity Commission questioning whether the trustees were acting in the best interests of the beneficiaries.

## Timber slide

May & Hassell, the timber importer, saw profits collapse from £3.04 million to £81,000 before interest in the year to March 31. Turnover was up from £79.2 million to £86.2 million and the dividend was unchanged at 3.75p.

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Cabinet level officials from the United States, the European Community, Canada and Japan ended three days of talks at Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, expressing optimism that a new round of negotiations within the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade will begin in 1986.

Mr Jim Keirle, Canada's international trade minister, said at a news conference that the four trading partners would ask their Gatt partners to prepare for the new round at a meeting of officials in Geneva this September.

## Triplex down

Triplex, the iron founder, experienced a drop in profits from £776,000 to £620,000 before tax in the year to March 31. Turnover was down from £28.2 million to £26.7 million and the dividend is increased from 0.5p to 0.75p.

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## Amex listing

The American Express Co is to file an application to list its common shares on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. If the application is approved the company will offer a million new common shares for sale in Japan.

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Assets	Liabilities
Capital deposits	£1,008 million
Customer deposits	£1,152 million
Loans to customers	£1,377 million
Securities owned	£1,152 million
Securities held in trust	£1,152 million
on behalf of customers	£1,152 million
Capital, reserves and funds	£1,152 million
Other assets	£1,152 million







## STOCK MARKET REPORT

## Speculators give life to the new account

By Pam Spooner and Alison Eadie

The new trading account began in "silly season" fashion with a variety of outlandish rumours ruffling the jobbers.

TI Group was the first share to get the treatment, and by lunchtime the price had risen by around 20p. Stories about another stake build-up by Mr Gerald Ronson, of Heron Group, were revived and small amounts of early buying were quickly chased by the speculators.

Schavieren & Co, the stockholders, was reckoned to be leading the early rush for TI, but a spokesman for the firm said: "We have not bought much", adding that the firm has been bullish of the stock for some time and that any buying yesterday was not out of line with that policy.

In fact, the volume of turnover in TI was not high, since the jobbers were believed to have very little stock anyway. Another factor in the apparent demand for TI was reports that the charts for the share price again look good. Mr Richard Lake, of Raphael Zorn, agrees with that view, suggesting that a break through 300p is possible for TI.

But, at the same time, he also points to the volatility of the shares and suggests the need for a stop-loss position for investors. By the end of the day, TI showed a 30p gain to 274p.

Late in the day, attention switched to the stores pitches,

and particularly to Dee Corporation. The foods group was said either to be about to launch a reverse takeover of Imperial Group - long the target of takeover chat - or to get a bid from Allied-Lyons.

Either way, the Dee share price was in fine fettle and up 15p at 253p. Imperial, where hopes have risen yet again about the sale of Howard Johnson in the US, improved 3p to 169p, but that is against the background of last week's weakness in the share price following disappointing profits news.

Allied-Lyons, where Elders IXL - the Australian beer to finance group - is believed to control a 2.44 per cent stake, rose 7p to 230p.

Other top 30 shares also improved yesterday, though an air of tiredness and lack of trade remains in the market. The mark-up for prices was partly due to a reaction against last week's falls and partly a result of the cut in base rates and strong hopes that interest rates will fall further sooner than has been expected.

The FT 30-share index closed the session at 937.2, up 11.2 points, and the FT-SE 100-share index was 12.8 points better at 1243.6.

Government stocks were

sported gains of 1% and more, while the pound traded close to \$1.39, up about half a cent.

Away from the leaders, Johnson Matthey continued its slow haul back to market favour. The shares rose another 6p to 101p - its first three figure level for many months.

After better-than-expected profits news last week, City analysts are once more thinking

Shares in Lewmar, the producer of yachting equipment, are on offer at 110p, giving the company a market value of £26.1 million. Barclays Bank is taking applications for up to 6 million shares and the offer closes next Monday, with dealings expected to begin on July 29. Watch for a healthy reception on the USM.

In terms of prospects and p/e ratios at JM, Good news for those shareholders who decided to ride the storm.

Prices of radical options

washed few sizeable move-

ments.

There were few other high

spots as investors stayed away

from options just as they appear

largely to be staying away from

significant business in the main

market.

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## ATHLETICS

# Crème de la crème on the same track

From Pat Butcher  
Nice

Those who endured the frustration through the last Olympiad of watching Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett, the best middle distance runners in the world, cynically avoiding each other, probably cannot believe that Steve Cram, Said Aouita and Joachim Cruz are racing the same 1,500 metres here tonight. Indeed there was much suspicion, fuelled by one intrepid British official, when Cram was not on the start list for the race yesterday. A telephone call to London assured us that he was in the air, as Aouita arrived by car from his Italian base. Cruz had arrived on Sunday.

The sight of the three of them crossing the line will be the ultimate proof, since Cram fell at Crystal Palace last year when he amounted to a prologue against Aouita. The supporting cast in the race, Steve Scott, Jose-Luis Gonzalez, Marcus O'Sullivan, Chuck Argon, is of the first order. They are all good minor triumphs, but they are mortals embroiled in a combat of Gods.

Cram is World, European and Commonwealth champion and Olympic silver medal winner at this distance. In winning that world title in 1983, he used the rapidly improving Aouita as his pacesetter. Only an injury last year prevented his testing Cram further in an Olympic final which must rank as Cram's best competitive race. Despite two 800m defeats this year, Cram looked tremendous in running 3:31.34 in Oslo two weeks ago, by far the fastest of the year, and the third fastest ever.

Aouita is quite simply unbeaten at any distance - not counting his concession of first place by a few hundredths of a second in the Olympic 3,000 metres semi-final - since his third place behind Cram and Scott in that World Championships in Helsinki. He won the Olympic 5,000 metres. And he has the best race of the 1,500 metres in 1:44.38 800 metres two years ago, through 3:32.44 for 1,500 metres to 1:34.64 for 5,000 metres in pouring rain at that Oslo meeting last month.

Of the two exotic foreigners, exotic due to their distant origins, Aouita in Morocco, Cruz in Brazil, it is the latter who has excited the British passions more. He is 21, three years younger than Cram and Aouita, and evinces the prowess, despite which he demolished the Olympic 800m field, and Cram's hopes of an ultimate gold at his favourite distance. Then, after Los Angeles, in the space of five days, Cruz ran three of the six fastest 800m ever, the last being four hundredths of a second outside Cram's world record.

It would take a brave or wise or foolish man to try and pick the winner, and I am none of these. But if you cannot get to Nice, find yourself a TV set at around 8.30 BST this evening.

There is a pole vault to match Sergei Bubka set the fifth of his world records in Paris on Saturday night and broached the incredible barrier of 6m in doing so. Pierre Quinon won the Olympic title in Bubka's absence last summer and Thierry Vigneron won the bronze medal. Both Frenchmen have briefly held the world record. Vigneron's reign being the briefer since Bubka, in beating him in Rome last September broke Vigneron's ten-minute old record.

## Budd will resist protest

British athletics officials have responded to a report in *The Times* yesterday which revealed that the Edinburgh District Council is planning some sort of anti-apartheid demonstration, possibly a banner in Meadowbank Stadium as a protest against the participation that they have agreed to stage in April.

Mark Lazarowicz, the council's leisure chairman, said on Sunday that members felt that Miss Budd had only "nominal British status", and that the council not only wanted to display its opposition to apartheid, but ensure that the former South African athlete's appearance in Edinburgh did not jeopardise next year's Commonwealth Games in the city.

Members of the Scottish AAA, who hire the stadium from the Edinburgh District Council, were seeking a meeting with council officials to clarify the situation. In the meantime, Andy Norman, chairman of the British Athletics Promotions Unit, said yesterday that Miss Budd would run.

He added: "Miss Budd is too tough to be scared off by a few newspaper articles. She is a British citizen, one of our leading world-class athletes and this event has been built around her."

A certain amount of controversy seems to follow Zola Budd wherever she goes. These pressures are put upon her by people seeking to publicize their own beliefs but she has stood strong against such publicity.

Mr Lazarowicz was unavailable for comment in his Edinburgh office yesterday.

## Jones selected 13 months before his event

Steve Jones was confirmed yesterday as Britain's No 1 choice for the marathon in next year's European Championships in Stuttgart. Nigel Cooper, secretary of the British Amateur Athletics Board, said that the 29-year-old Welshman had been pre-selected over 13 months ahead of the event because of his outstanding form.

Jones broke the world best performance for the distance when he won the Chicago Marathon in the 2:10.10 in 1983. He confirmed his standing by winning the London marathon last April.

No athlete will be selected for the European marathon in the country for the Commonwealth Games as the Games are only three weeks before the European Championships. Cooper said that next April's London Marathon would provide the basis for European selection for other athletes.

## CYCLING

# Hinault's injury is biggest barrier to fifth Tour victory

From John Wilcockson, Toulouse

On a clear day it is possible to see the jagged outline of the Pyrenees from the hills above Toulouse. Yesterday the humid mist cloaked the Aveyron Hills but the leaders in the Tour de France were still aware of the distant mountains. They were looking ahead towards today's stage, which includes three of the toughest climbs in the race.

As a result they were not keen to race hard on the sixteenth stage from Aurillac to Toulouse even though the corrugated terrain was conducive to attacks.

Today in the Pyrenees we will learn if Bernard Hinault is going to win his fifth Tour de France. The hills of the Massif Central do not appear to have affected the injured race leader but he may be unable to inhale enough oxygen through his broken nose in the thin air at the summit of the Aspin, Tourmalet and Luz-Ardiden peaks. "If the weather stays cool I am confident that I will stay with the leaders", Stephen Roche, who is third, said yesterday. "Ankled will attack if I am feeling good."

Roche is Hinault's main challenger but if he is to succeed with an attack he will have to shake off the second-placed Greg LeMond and solicit the support of men like Robert Millar, who needs to gain at least five minutes if he is to finish in the top five.

With their hopes of non-aggression the race leaders left the stage open for one of the supporting players in the list of

Toulouse (AP) - Valerie Simonnet, of France, won the first leg of the second stage of the women's Tour de France yesterday. Maria Canins, of Italy, who won the first stage, maintained the overall lead. Miss Simonnet won the 65 mile (104km) leg from La Gupie to Toulouse in 2hr 42min 07sec.

SECOND STAGE: First leg: 1. V Simonnet (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 2. J Longo (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 3. M Mumpay (Bel), 2hr 42min 07sec; 4. J Longo (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 5. D Demari (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 6. J Longo (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 7. J Longo (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 8. J Longo (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 9. J Longo (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 10. J Longo (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 11. J Longo (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 12. J Longo (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 13. J Longo (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 14. J Longo (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 15. J Longo (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 16. J Longo (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 17. J Longo (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 18. J Longo (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 19. J Longo (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 20. J Longo (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 21. J Longo (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 22. J Longo (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 23. J Longo (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 24. J Longo (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 25. J Longo (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 26. J Longo (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 27. J Longo (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 28. J Longo (F), 2hr 42min 07sec; 29. 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**Radio 2**

Cricket Scoreboard, 8.00 When  
Housewives had the choice: Russell  
Davies and Maureen Lipman recall the  
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Orchestra 1 9.55 Sports Desk, 10.00  
Wk's End (new series). The return of the  
comedy quiz with Lance Percival, Don  
Maclean, Dave Ismay, Tony Peers and  
Kenny Smiles, 10.30 Town and Country  
Quiz, (Round 1): London  
Townswomen's Guild, East Anglia v Isl  
of Wight Women's Institute, 11.00  
The Midpoints / *from the midpoints*

**Radio 1**

5.00am Adrian John. 8.00 Mike Smith.  
 10.00 Simon Bates's Golden Hour.  
 11.00 Radio 1 Roadshow (at Princess  
 Parade, Blackpool). 12.30pm Newsbeat  
 2.45 Gary Davies. 2.30 Steve Wright.  
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 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-

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Connections. 6.00 Calendar. 6.35-7.00  
Crossroads. 8.00-8.00 Magnum. 11.30  
All Kinds of Country 12.00 Closedown.

**BORDER** As London except:  
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News. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters.  
4.15-5.45 Connections. 6.00  
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8.00-9.00 Hart to Hart. 12.30am News,  
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## £2m for Sudan relief trucks

By Philip Webster and George Hill

The Government last night announced the provision of a further £2 million for famine relief aid in Sudan, as political leaders paid tributes to Bob Geldorf and the organizers of the Live Aid charity concert over the phenomenal success of Saturday's event.

Mr Timothy Raison, Minister for Overseas Development, told the Commons that £1.6 million was to be given to the Save the Children Fund for the purchase of 40 heavy trucks for Sudan, and a further £400,000 for modification for the 60 Leyland trucks already presented to the fund, the continuing costs of their logistics team and 10 Land Rovers.

The new sum brings to £23 million the amount given by the Government since last October for famine relief in Sudan, and £44 million has been provided for Ethiopia.

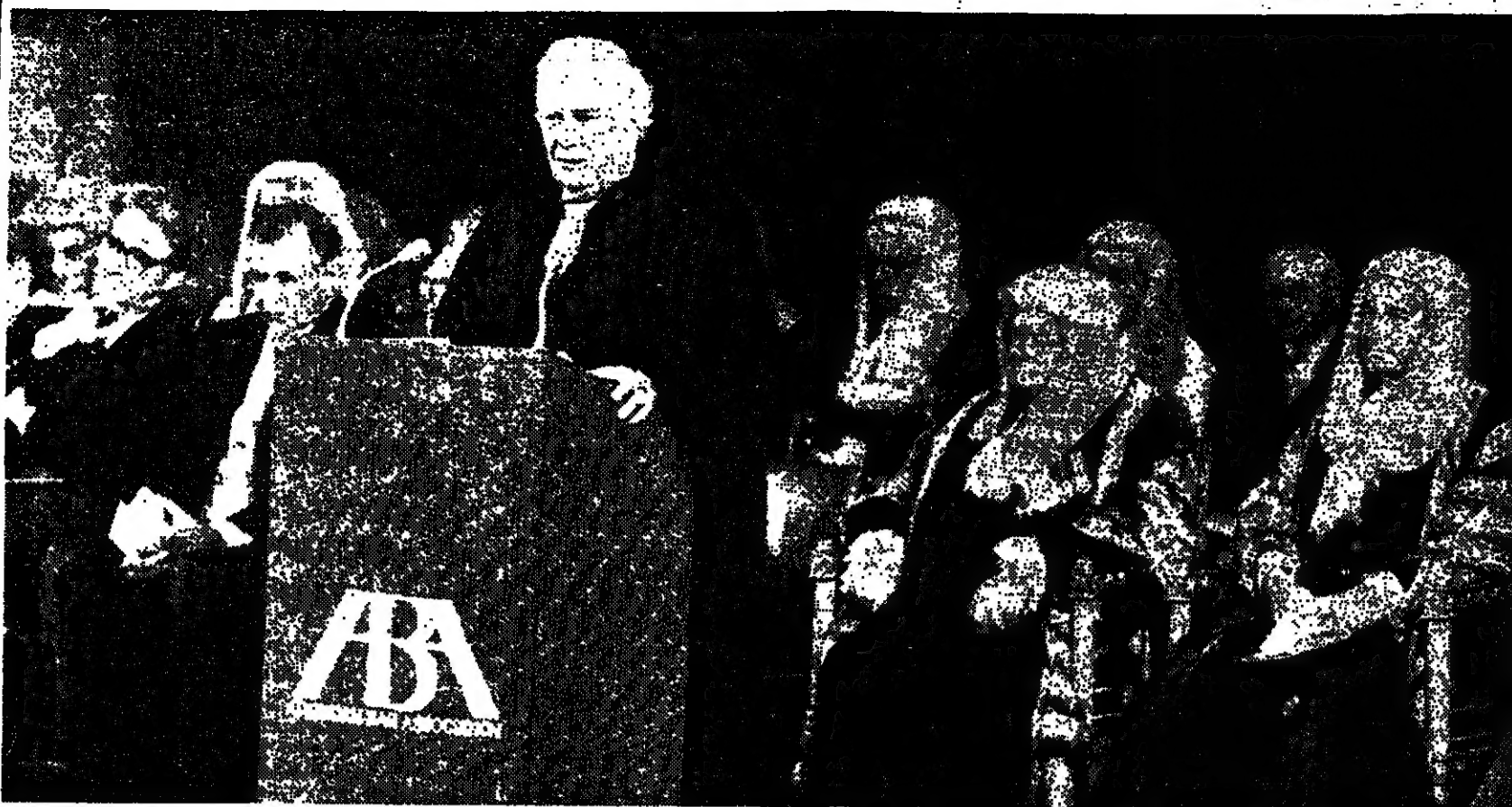
But virtually all the money has come from the existing £1,200 million aid budget and is not additional to it, and MPs contrasted the voluntary response with that of the Government.

Mr Max Madden, Labour MP for Bradford West, speaking of the remarkable generosity of the public, called on the Government to match pound for pound the amount contributed by the public.

The Government replied yesterday to an accusation from an all-party committee of MPs that it had failed to match the generosity the public has shown to famine relief even before the live aid concert. Refusing to commit any extra funds as the committee asked, the official reply promised only to "maintain" the relief programme.

The Government conceded that the only extra funds committed to the crisis have been the Ministry of Defence's contribution to the cost of the RAF airlift in Ethiopia. By the end of June this amounted to £8.25 million. But since February 3 this year, half the cost of this operation too has been borne not by the RAF but by the Overseas Development Agency from its existing budget.

## Westminster ceremony for US lawyers



The Chief Justice of the United States, Mr Warren E. Burger, addressing the American Bar Association during the opening ceremony at Westminster Hall yesterday. Among listeners are the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, and the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill. (Photograph: John Manning)

## Thatcher strategy on hijacks

Continued from page 1

was that if only a determined minority gathered together in large enough numbers to bully or to intimidate others, the law either would not or could not be enforced against them. "No matter whether those numbers are mobilized by football hooligans, political agitators or industrial pickets, crime is no less crime just because it is committed en masse."

A second fashionable heresy was that if you felt sufficiently strongly about some particular issue, be it nuclear weapons, racial discrimination or animal liberation, you were entitled to claim superiority to the law and were therefore absolved. "This is arrogant nonsense, and deserves to be treated as such."

A third heresy was that the law could be obeyed selectively. "The law must stand as a whole, and be obeyed as a whole."

The Prime Minister also used the opportunity of her speech to the association to voice the British Government's gratitude for a number of recent and helpful policy decisions by the Reagan Administration. She praised the "firm stand" taken by the President and Congress against contributions of money and arms to the IRA, and said that Britain was most appreciative of the Administration's action in asking Congress to ratify speedily a treaty amending the present extradition arrangements between the two countries, which will prevent fugitives from claiming that terrorist offences are political.

British ministers in recent weeks have used the American public's concern over terrorism in the Lebanon, of which Americans have been victims, to try to undermine the support

of some Irish Americans for terrorism in Northern Ireland. Mrs Thatcher did the same yesterday.

Earlier Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, told the first plenary session of the association that leaders of opinion both in Britain and the United States must run home a clear message that misguided Americans who donate funds to the Provisional IRA were "financing murder."

## Plot charges

Trapani (Reuters) - A Sicilian magistrate ordered the arrest of nine people on charges arising out of a Mafia bomb attack against an investigating magistrate in April in which a woman and her twin sons aged six were killed. Five of the accused are in custody.

## Letter from Moscow

### Rasputin makes a roaring comeback

Mr Mikhail Gorbachev likes films and the theatre, although since he has other preoccupations at the moment it is not yet clear how far he is prepared to go to make the arts in Russia livelier than they were under President Chernenko.

Judging by his remarks as Ideology Secretary last year, Mr Gorbachev is something of a young fogey, though with an inquiring mind. "A true artist cannot stand aside from the pressing tasks of times," he said in the Moscow Film Festival, which ended last week. "It always serves the good and the light and promotes social progress."

Mr Elem Klimov is evidently among the elect, since his film *Go and See*, set in wartime Byelorussia, was the official Soviet entry at the festival.

But there is another side to Mr Klimov, as displayed in his astonishing film *Agony* (Agony), about the life and death of Rasputin. Whatever else he did, Rasputin, the manic holy man who gained a deadly grip on the court just as the beleaguered Tsar was grappling with war and revolution, can scarcely be said to have served the good and the light.

Mr Klimov made *Agony* over a decade ago, but because of its explosive subject and its frank scenes, the film has gathered dust in the vaults screened abroad, whispered about in Moscow, but not shown.

Perhaps because Mr Klimov is now also an "official" Soviet director, it might be embarrassing to have one of his important films banned. Or perhaps this is a liberal gesture by Mr Gorbachev. As all events, the larger than life figure of Rasputin, physically massive and overpoweringly charismatic, has been released to roar and rampage across the screens of Moscow suburban cinemas, where *Agony* played to overflowing houses while cinemas in the centre were commandeered for the festival entries.

*Agony*, even in the heavily cut version finally released, has robust scenes of debauchery and decadence in an atmosphere of eroticism and mysticism, and includes the episode in which a group of young aristocrats put Rasputin to death after a long struggle in which through some diabolic force he survived both poison and bullet.

But it also shows why Rasputin was accepted at court - his influence on the Tsar, his ability to heal the ailing Tsarevich - and gives a human portrait of Nicholas II, while blaming him for needless Russian deaths. This is not the Tsar of Soviet caricature, his weaknesses and indecisions are neither examined sympathetically, (A scene in which he cruelly shoots a crowd was added later in case the portrait was seen as too benign).

The *Agony* is not only Russia's agony in war, and upsetting, it is also Nicholas's. The Bolsheviks hardly appear at all - not even at the Duma. (The National Assembly which was a great deal more lively than the Supreme Soviet), and the only reference to Lenin is in the obligatory quotation at the beginning of the film. Nicholas and the corrupt court are swept away by Russia in the mass.

The release of this stunning re-creation of a lost world - lost above all to the Russians themselves - may presage a revival in the Soviet cinema at last.

The other film showing to crowded cinemas, again away from the festival itself, is Roland Bykov's *Scarecrow*, a painfully honest portrait of a provincial town and their persecution of a newcomer, Lena, and her art-collecting grandfather. A story of adolescent love and betrayal, *Scarecrow* ends with Lena shaving her head to shame her tormentors before being forced to leave town.

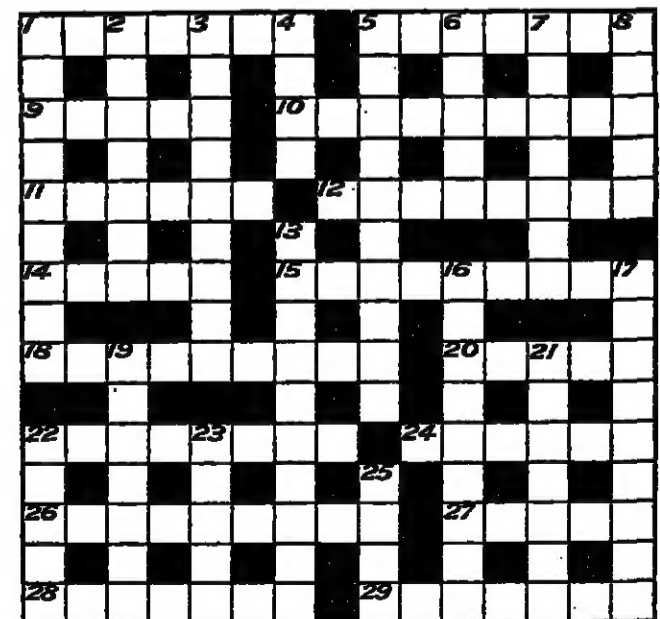
Outside the cinema, a group of youths sitting on the steps gave no hint that they had absorbed the moral of Bykov's tale, and indeed looked as if they had just stepped down from the screen. Perhaps, after all, Mr Gorbachev would rather they had been watching Moscow's other current film hit *Pages from the Life of Yuri Andropov*.

Richard Owen

## Today's events

**Royal engagements**  
The Duke of Edinburgh, trustee of National Maritime Museum, visits Cotchele Quay Museum and Tamar Sailing Club, Plymouth, 10.15. The Prince and Princess of Wales visit Enterprise Centre, Silver Street, St Helier, Middleborough, 10.15. and Sunbury Primary School, Coulsley Newham, Middlesex, 11.45. later the prince, patron, Abbeyfield Society, and princess visit Abbeyfield House, 33 Belle Vue Grove, Middlesex, 1.30. Princess Margaret attends Royal Tournament at Epsom Court, 2.20. The Duke of Gloucester visits East of England Agricultural Society Show, Peterborough, 10.15.

## The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,790



- ACROSS**
- Flash from aerial torpedo (7).
  - Cumberland food-merchant, so-called (7).
  - Churchman has no ultimate right to staff (5).
  - Preserve against breakdown, if true (9).
  - Dances with suspect university types (6).
  - Policy of reformers - it's set out in entrance (8).
  - Number Ten backed by smaller group (5).
  - Notice to embassy to make concession (9).
  - Competent to give fine etc if ordered (9).
  - The core of any long fibre (5).
  - I agree freely about a race that shows the white feather (8).
  - Intensify study about note to Epistle (6).
  - Line taken in defence by Wagner (9).
  - Anglo-Greek letters one follows with boredom (5).
  - Cloth for tea spill at riverside (7).
  - Unspecified member of a Gotham institution (7).
- DOWN**
- This is your Irish address, padre? (9).
  - Opening for a final word (7).

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 8

The Duke of Kent, as grand master, attends annual service of Order of St Michael and St George, St Paul's Cathedral, 11.40.

**Music**  
Fitzwilliam Siring Quartet, Bolton Percy Church, near York, 8. Brahms Trio of London, Pump Room, Bath, 8. Organ recital by Ronald Frost, St Ann's Church, Manchester, 12.45. Organ recital by Timothy Hone, Leicester Cathedral, 8. Organ recital by Michael Harris and Stephen Harris, St Martin's Church, Scarborough, 7.30. Redcliffe Music Festival: Bristol Baroque Players, 12.45; organ recital by Garth Benson, 7.30. St Mary Redcliffe Church, Bristol. Organ recital by Peter Playavsky, Oundle School Chapel, 1.10. Concert by American Gospel choir, Continental Singers, Ipswich Corn Exchange, 7.30.

**Exhibitions in progress**  
The Family of Coal Miners, photographs by Milton Rogovin, Scottish Photography Group Gallery, 105 High Street, Edinburgh, Tues to Sat, 12.30 to 6 (ends July 27). "I am come home", Treasures of Prince Charles Edward Stuart, National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland, National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh, Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 10 to 4.30 (ends Aug 5). Miniature African sculptures from collection of Josef Herman, City of Bristol Museum and Art Gallery, Mon to Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun 10 to 4.30 (ends Aug 5). Arlington - Home of the Million, Chicago's Arlington Park Racecourse, National Horseracing Museum, Newmarket, Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 10 to 5 (ends Aug 31). Still life: A Tradition, and Still life: A New Life, work by David Hockney, Elizabeth Blackadder and others, Hutton Gallery, Newcastle upon Tyne, Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 4.30 (ends Aug 5). Last chance to see Last of the Bedouin in Jordan, Mappin Art Gallery, Sheffield, 10 to 5 (ends today). General Antiques Fair, Fisher Hall, Cambridge, 2 to 8, tomorrow 11 to 8, Thurs 11 to 5.

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Aberdeen	1.1	3.8	1.22
Avermooch	8.59	11.3	7.14
Belfast	10.51	2.5	11.12
Cardiff	8.41	10.5	6.50
Dunport	5.34	4.7	5.49
Edinburgh	11.70	8.9	11.19
Galway	4.34	4.5	5.19
Glengow	12.22	4.3	1.5
Harlow	11.48	3.8	11.58
Highland	10.14	4.8	10.25
Leith	8.8	8.4	6.20
Liverpool	8.42	7.2	6.2
Malton	2.14	4.7	2.36
Manchester	11.3	8.2	11.24
Newport	8.19	8.2	9.36
Oban	11.54	4.3	-
Orkney	5.59	5.5	6.18
Sharncliffe	4.51	8.0	5.10
Stirling	5.45	3.4	5.85